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of a Lifetime***

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From Sampson House



Dear Lawrentians,

In a few weeks, members of the Class of 2017 will hear from Gil Loescher, a world-renowned authority on refugee issues. They will cross the stage on Main Hall Green, receive their diplomas, smile for pictures with their families, friends and faculty mentors, load up their belongings and move on to whatever comes next. Year in and year out, Commencement marks the end of one chapter of the lives of our newest Lawrentians, and also the start of another. They have indelibly changed this university, and now they graduate to changing the world. When they leave us, we hope they will carry their Lawrence experiences with them into their future personal and professional pursuits; that their time in Appleton will continue to enrich their lives for decades to come.

This is one of the central objectives of the *George '51 and Marjorie '44 Chandler Senior Experience* requirement, which asks every senior to demonstrate command of their chosen majors through individualized, ambitious projects that draw on lessons learned and skills gained throughout their time at Lawrence.

The word “capstone” is sometimes used to describe the *Chandler Senior Experience*. But these projects should in no way be viewed as the end of a student's intellectual journey. We see the *Chandler Senior Experience* more as a connecting point between undergraduate studies and whatever comes next. Like an off-ramp and an on-ramp all at once, this experience helps students define what they have learned at Lawrence while honing skills that will serve them well in the future. Initial support from the Mellon Foundation, a gift from the Chandlers, and countless hours of faculty supervision and mentorship make this program possible.

Research shows the value of such work. In a 2014 survey commissioned by the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U), 87 percent of employers said they would be more likely to consider hiring a recent graduate if he or she had completed a senior thesis or comprehensive project.

The AAC&U, through its Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) initiative, in 2015 issued the LEAP Challenge: “signature work,” a cumulative, integrative, student-defined project, should be a goal for all students at colleges and universities across the country. In introducing this challenge, then–AAC&U President Carol Geary Schneider emphasized the need for students “to prepare to contribute in a world marked by open or unscripted problems—problems where the right answer is far from known and where solutions are necessarily created under conditions of uncertainty.”

At Lawrence, we often talk about preparing students for success in a rapidly changing world. We believe the *Chandler Senior Experience* plays a key role in that preparation. I hope your Lawrence education continues to provide a positive influence in your life, and I look forward to seeing many of you at Reunion and throughout the summer.

Yours,

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ON THE COVER
Maddie Schubert '17 is pipetting short DNA sequences into a reaction, which allows for the chemical synthesis of a specific genetic region that can be subsequently identified using DNA sequencing.

A lasting experience

The *Chandler Senior Experience* isn't simply a graduation requirement—it empowers Lawrentians to develop and showcase their abilities through meaningful, original work.

By Tom Ziemer

The first clue emerged when **Madeline Schubert '17** was 10. Head-splitting migraines would torment her for weeks at a time.

A surgery at 16 relieved pressure on her brain caused by a Chiari malformation, a condition in which the brain is pushed down onto the top of the spinal chord. But during an extended recovery that forced her to miss most of her junior year of high school, Schubert started complaining of joint pain. And she wasn't healing at a typical pace.

Finally, a trip to the geneticist's office provided an answer: She had Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS), a genetic disorder involving the body's connective tissue. Seven and a half years after her symptoms first surfaced, Schubert had an accurate diagnosis.

Now, as a 22-year-old senior at Lawrence, she's spent her final year in Appleton trying to unravel the next layer of the mystery: What exactly, on a genetic level, causes her condition? To complete her *Senior Experience* as a biology major, Schubert has sequenced her genes and hunted for evidence of mutations that might be behind her hypermobile type of EDS, the most common variation of the disorder but one whose genetic roots aren't yet definitively known.

"When we were looking at *Senior Experience* options, it seemed like a really natural choice," she says.

The *Chandler Senior Experience*, a campuswide requirement for graduation that started with the Class of 2012 and is supported by a bequest from late alumni **George '51** and **Marjorie Chandler '44**, takes on many different forms across departments and disciplines, but there's one unifying

Madeline Schubert assembles a gel box for size-separating DNA using an electrical current, a technique called gel electrophoresis.

thread that runs through more than 300 projects every year: Each one is designed and completed by *the individual student*.

Sure, faculty advisors can offer direction, support and guidance. Ultimately, though, students shape their projects, infusing them with their interests and values. It's their opportunity to draw upon lessons learned from seemingly disparate experiences while pursuing ambitious projects that push beyond typical coursework. Simply put, *Senior Experience* represents a chance for graduating Lawrentians to demonstrate command of whatever it is they've spent the past four or five years doing.

You'd be hard-pressed to find another member of the Class of 2017 with as deep of a connection to a project as Schubert. Even before her Ehlers-Danlos syndrome diagnosis, she was keenly interested in genetics. She remembers visiting The Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago as an 8-year-old. While her older brother ran off to look at dinosaurs, Schubert marveled at a special exhibit on Gregor Mendel, the Austrian monk-turned-scientist considered to be the father of modern genetics.

"I was just fascinated," she recalls. "I was like, 'But look, it's peas! They're just as interesting as a dinosaur!'"

In middle school, she zipped through Punnett squares (diagrams used to predict outcomes of particular cross or breeding experiments, used by biologists to determine the probability of offspring having particular genotypes) with such enthusiasm that her teacher gave her extras to do and suggested a potential career: genetic counseling.

"Even before I was really sick, I knew that was kind of the career path I wanted, and then my own experience only cemented that," Schubert says.

She spent last summer working at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Ill., which houses a connective tissue clinic led by Schubert's doctor. She enjoyed the chance to speak with high school students with EDS and show them that success—in college and in life—is still possible. And the exposure to clinical work only stoked her excitement for her *Senior Experience* project.

Her first step was harvesting her DNA, which she did with mouth swabs. "I'm probably one of the only students who's brushed their teeth and done mouthwash in the Steitz research lab," she jokes.



Schubert visualizes size-separated DNA, which allows her to determine if she successfully made copies of specific regions of her DNA.

From there, Schubert used several reagents to purify her DNA samples and identified a subset of specific genes to examine. Sequencing all of her genes was cost-prohibitive, so she reviewed previous scientific literature on EDS to pinpoint genes that other researchers have identified as potential culprits. To pull out those particular genes, she designed primers, short pieces of DNA that bond to each end of the target area, through 26 separate chemical reactions. "Literally just like copying and pasting it out," she says.

After that, she and faculty advisor Brian Piasecki, an assistant professor of biology, sent the samples off to a lab for sequencing to get the data that would allow Schubert to compare her genes to a standard set and look for mutations. (That final phase of her project was due to happen after this issue of *Lawrence* magazine went to press.)

Regardless of the outcome of her *Senior Experience*, Schubert is hoping to continue the work as a master's thesis as she pursues graduate school. Long term, she would like to work in prenatal or pediatric genetic counseling.

"There's basically no research going on because it's one of the most underserved populations in terms of chronic illness," she says. "I hope to use my personal perspective to continue to raise awareness for the Ehlers-Danlos community." ■

“SENIOR EXPERIENCE ALLOWS YOU TO BRING TOGETHER THE STRANDS OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AND WEAVE THEM INTO A FINISHED WHOLE.”

—Dave Burrows, provost

THE BIRTH OF A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Burrows played a leading role in establishing *Senior Experience* as a formal graduation requirement after arriving as provost in 2005. Lawrence's Curriculum Committee took up this task and the faculty approved a proposal in 2007, making the Class of 2012 the first to all produce *Senior Experiences*.

"Some departments already had something that looked like *Senior Experience*, other departments had to create it," recalls Burrows, noting the Association of American Colleges & Universities includes capstone courses and projects on its list of high-impact practices. "But the concept that things are brought together and integrated, I think, has been very important, conceptually, for the entire university, and the deepening of experience is important."

Specific requirements, of course, depend on the major. Studio art students create pieces for the Wriston Art Center's annual Senior Exhibition at the end of each academic year. Chemistry majors deliver 30- to 45-minute, live-streamed, public presentations based on their research. Music performance students take the stage for recitals. Math-computer science majors write software. And on and on, across Lawrence's 35 Bachelor of Arts majors and four Bachelor of Music majors.

"I think it's the essence of what a liberal arts student needs to do, no matter what department they're in and no matter what subject they're studying," says Jerald Podair, the Robert S. French Professor of American Studies and a professor of history who co-teaches his department's *Senior Experience* course (History 650: *The Practice of History*).

"The *Senior Experience* is really, in that sense, the same in every department and every subject. What does a good liberal arts student do at the end of his or her four years here? We say that you have to be able to think critically, you have to be able to write cogently, you have to be comfortable with ambiguity and with complexities. You have to understand that things are not always one thing or the other—and you have to be comfortable with that. And that all comes together in the *Senior Experience*." ■



WHY THE CHANDLER SENIOR EXPERIENCE?

Senior Experience has a new name: It's now called the *George and Marjorie Chandler Senior Experience* to recognize the generosity of late alumni **George '51** and **Marjorie Chandler '44**, whose bequest supports Lawrentians' senior projects. George Chandler viewed his senior honors thesis—supervised by then-Lawrence president Nathan Pusey—as a pivotal part of his time on campus.

"The oral examination on my senior honors thesis was held in his office, took three hours and consisted almost completely in Nate's playing Socrates and drawing from me points about Greek tragedy that I hadn't known that I knew," Chandler recalled in a 2011 interview.

George Chandler, who died in 2015, was a longtime attorney, planner and manager with the Interstate Commerce Commission and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Marjorie Chandler, who died in 2003, was a senior official at the National Center for Education Statistics in the U.S. Department of Education. They shared a love of classical music and also funded a music professorship at Lawrence.

Additional funding for the *Chandler Senior Experience* is made possible by the Edward Byers Fund for *Senior Experience* in Art or Art History; the Julie Esch Hurvis *Senior Experience* Fund for Studio Art; the Barbara Peterson Fund for *Senior Experience* in the Social Sciences; and the Thomas A. Steitz Nobel Fund for *Senior Experience* in the Natural Sciences.

Check out samples of more *Senior Experiences*:

The Lawrence Minute – Women in Science:

- go.lawrence.edu/womeninscience
- Eddie Elizondo Rueda: go.lawrence.edu/headset

Senior Experience videos:

- go.lawrence.edu/seniorexperiencevid
- go.lawrence.edu/zosseder
- lawrence.edu/academics/senior_experience

SENIOR EXPERIENCES TODAY

Since there’s a great deal of variance in individual Lawrence experiences—academics, athletics, student organizations, volunteer opportunities, off-campus programs and faculty-student relationships can all shape one’s time in Appleton—it follows that there’s a considerable range of *Senior Experience* projects. Just look at a few undertaken by the Class of 2017:

- **Angela Como ’17** (biology and environmental studies) studied interactions between bats and their prey in rice fields in the Philippines.
- **Joe Liberko ’17** (physics) built a subsonic wind tunnel.
- **Shana Pike ’17** (psychology and gender studies) compared attitudes toward sexual behavior and gender roles in the Netherlands and the United States.
- **Justin Coyne ’17** (trombone performance) worked with two world-class brass quintets.
- **Sarah Diamond ’17** (government–international relations) examined health policies around the world in the era of climate change.

“It allows you to bring together the strands of your experience and weave them into a finished whole,” says Lawrence provost Dave Burrows. “*Freshman Studies* is a common experience, and then you go off and develop different aspects of your education. *Senior Experience* is bringing them all together in a rather deep way.”

A global experience

Max Loebl ’17 certainly embraced ambiguity and complexity with his project. The Russian studies and government double major spent 10 days of his 2016 winter break in Kiev, Ukraine, getting an up-close look at how nongovernmental organizations—both local and international—are supporting internally displaced Ukrainians in the wake of Russia’s 2014 annexation of Crimea and the ongoing war in the Donbass region.

Loebl’s intercontinental trip was possible thanks to a handful of endowments and funds that support ambitious and distinctive



Angela Como catches bats in Philippine rice fields to try to determine the helpful role bats play as crop pest predators.

Senior Experience projects. Students can apply for up to \$3,000 during Winter or Spring Term of their junior years.

Loebl didn’t see much of his Airbnb host, Vyacheslav, during his stay; his days started early, ended late and were packed with meeting after meeting with various NGOs.

“It was pretty rigorous, boots-to-the-ground research,” he says. “When I touched down and started speaking with people, they just piled so many different contacts on me.”



Chris Gore-Gammon models a virtual reality headset.

Those interviews informed a paper and presentation—Loebl was invited back to speak at an international conference at a university in Kiev in April—that articulated and examined the framework of how NGOs are supporting internally displaced people in Ukraine. He says the project has built on theoretical work he’s previously done on NGOs with one of his faculty advisors, Claudena Skran, the Edwin & Ruth West Professor of Economics and Social Science and a professor of government who studies refugees.

“It’s getting to witness a lot of what I studied firsthand and see how it’s being implemented in an entirely new and different place,” says Loebl, who also worked with Associate Professor of Russian Studies Peter John Thomas on the project.

A virtual experience

Film studies major **Chris Gore-Gammon ’17** has used his *Senior Experience* grant to create a 20-minute virtual reality experience “that captivates people and lets them drive their own narrative.” Gore-Gammon, who has handled all the coding and art for the virtual reality environment, is interested in how people experience a narrative in different ways in both films and video games. In the long term, he wants to work in video game development.

“I want to make this project a starting point for the work I’ll produce after Lawrence,” he says.



Joe Johnson collaborates with Professor Tim Troy on his audio-drama project of *Nocturne*.

An audio-drama experience

Taking an unconventional route, **Joe Johnson ’17** jumped into unknown territory for his theatre arts *Senior Experience*, an audio-drama version of *Nocturne* by Adam Rapp. “This was a whole new project. I’d never done any kind of audio or sound editing before,” says the Spokane, Wash., native.

He found the play while combing through the Royal Court Theatre’s script library during his time at the London Centre in 2015. “I just fell in love with it,” he says. “It’s dense, it’s rich, it’s lyrical.”

To make an audio drama, Johnson worked under the tutelage of **Timothy X. Troy**, Hurvis Professor of Theatre and Drama and professor of theatre arts, to record and create the sounds that would constitute the project.

“When you’re working with audio drama, you don’t have the same visual resources, so you have to create that environment through different kinds of audio,” says Johnson, who has a second major in psychology.

This meant recording not only the script of the play, but recording the background music himself (clarinet and piano), finding the right background sound effects and editing all of these elements together to create a unique soundscape.

The project culminated in a listening party attended by friends, faculty and theatre majors alike, but Johnson won’t be leaving his *Senior Experience* behind after Commencement. “If I want to go on to do any kind of sound design,” he says, “this is something I can show and say ‘Hey, this is what I can do.’” ■

“THROUGHOUT MY PROJECT, I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT DATA SYNTHESIS AND ANALYSIS. I WORKED INDEPENDENTLY MOST OF THE TIME, SIFTING THROUGH MY DATA TO FIGURE OUT HOW BEST TO GROUP AND ORGANIZE THEM AND THEN INTERPRET MY FINDINGS. DATA COLLECTION REALLY IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF THE RESEARCH PROCESS, AND MY INDEPENDENT STUDY HELPED ME REALIZE THAT AND THEN TAUGHT ME HOW TO NAVIGATE THAT PROCESS.”

—Emma Huston ’16, who conducted an analysis of bones from an ossuary in Cyprus

AN ON-RAMP TO ALUMNIHOOD

The notion that *Senior Experience* feeds into the next phase of Lawrentians’ lives is an important one, Burrows says. That’s one reason he avoids using the terms “bookends” (for *Senior Experience* and *Freshman Studies*) or “capstone”—they both imply an endpoint, rather than a bridge to a career, graduate school or anything else that might follow graduation.

“If you think about the world of work, very often what happens is you’re given some problem to solve or some task to accomplish, and you’re going to bring lots of different pieces of information and knowledge to bear on that,” Burrows says. “And *Senior Experience* is one of the first places where you really get the idea of how you can bring things together.”

Gina Torcasso ’14 can relate to that notion. Throughout her time at Lawrence, she worked closely with Assistant Professor of Psychology **Lori Michelle Hilt ’97** on a community initiative implementing suicide screenings in Appleton-area high schools. Her *Senior Experience* project provided an opportunity to analyze the program’s efficacy and expand her knowledge of risk factors for suicide and different screening programs. Torcasso, who’s finishing her master’s degree in school psychology at Northern Illinois University, has since worked with Hilt to publish an updated version of her *Senior Experience* paper in the journal *Child and Youth Care Forum*.

“School psychology truly encompasses all the interests I have ever had within the field of psychology,” says Torcasso, who hopes to use a screening program that’s similar to the one she analyzed at Lawrence.

Nutt Punnanitinont ’16 honed lab techniques during a summer research project that formed the basis of her *Senior Experience* on enzymes in pathogenic fungi. She’s working as a research associate at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y., while applying to medical school.

“I am able to learn new lab techniques really quickly because of the past research experience I had from the summer research opportunity through Lawrence,” she says.

Other projects offer more broad and abstract lessons.

Santiago Alvarez ’16, a government and history double major, wrote a pair of papers on the dysfunctional relationship between the media, politicians and the military in the Vietnam War. In particular, he trained his focus on the Tet Offensive as a turning point in the war—but he delved into an idea that doesn’t mesh with the popular viewpoint of that conflict.

“When you analyze the Tet Offensive, it caught the U.S. by shock, there’s no doubt about that. But militarily, they won every single battle,” says Alvarez, whose father was a Green Beret in Vietnam. “So how did they win every battle and back at home people are saying, ‘We just got destroyed’? It makes no sense. It was a complete shock for me to read these things and kind of figure them out and analyze them and say, ‘Well, wait a minute, there’s a lot more in here than what people know and what people like to think about what happened in Vietnam.’”

Alvarez, who has followed in his father’s footsteps by enlisting in the U.S. Army Special Forces, says his projects gave him deeper insight into the workings of the military and the extent to which it can be affected by politics.

“I do a lot of things here in the military, but I try to keep up with what’s going on politically, because I know that politics is a game and it can affect the military directly,” he says.

The idea isn’t necessarily that *Senior Experience* should direct a Lawrentian to a specific career, graduate field of study or life direction, though that certainly can happen. More generally, though, it should allow students to synthesize interests and experiences and showcase—while further stretching—their skills. And, best of all, they get to dive into a topic they have chosen.

“One of the most important things about any educational program is it has to be interesting to students,” says Burrows, “and this is one of the things I like about *Senior Experience*: at its best, it enables students to engage in issues and questions that they enjoy.” ■

IDEAL PREPARATION

Thomas Matusiak’s ’13 *Senior Experience* was one part of a broader project, a 150-page honors thesis on the politics and aesthetics of Colombian cinema in the 1990s. It led him to a Ph.D. program in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at Princeton, where he’s preparing for an academic career studying Latin American visual culture.

“The honors thesis provided me with the experience of developing a longer, independent academic project from the ground up, something that I’m doing again with my dissertation

and will continue to do with future articles and books,” says Matusiak, who credits his advisor, Associate Professor of Spanish Rosa Tapia, for her help.

“In my case, it was perfect preparation for what’s becoming my career. Thanks to this experience, and Rosa’s guidance, I was able to bypass master’s programs and apply directly to fully funded Ph.D. programs. The honors project prepared me to hit the ground running after I began the program at Princeton. I came well prepared, thanks to the Spanish department at Lawrence.”



“I plan to spend my Watson year in five countries steeped in unfamiliar musical traditions,” says Genualdi. “Music can be a powerful tool to bridge cultural gaps. I hope to co-create music that makes this evident. I want to engage in musical collaborations that push against the boundaries of existing genres.”

Brian Pertl ’86, dean of the Lawrence conservatory of music, calls Genualdi “an explorer of sound.”

“Sam is infinitely curious about sonic possibilities and how improvisation and collaboration can create musical worlds yet unimagined,” said Pertl, himself a former Watson Fellow. “He has been pushing the boundaries of improvisation during his time at Lawrence and now will have an opportunity to explore his passion across the globe. I can’t wait to see what new musical concoctions will emerge from his grand adventure.”

Genualdi also added to Lawrence’s growing list of *DownBeat* award-winners. He earned a “DB” in the original composition/large ensemble category for his work *Treelight*. It marks the third straight year a Lawrence student has won a *DownBeat* SMA in the original composition category.

“Sam shows great promise as a contemporary jazz composer,” said **Patricia Darling ’85**, lecturer of music and director of the Lawrence University Jazz Ensemble. “He has this natural ability to develop compelling and beautiful material with just a few primary motifs, which can be heard in his *Treelight*.”

Genualdi is Lawrence’s 72nd Watson Fellow since the program was launched in 1969 and the university’s 28th student or ensemble to win a *DownBeat* award in the magazine’s 40-year competition.

Sample some of Genualdi’s music when his new album, *Looking Through the Glass*, drops May 19. It will be available through his website, **samgenualdi.com**.

► “It’s been amazing for me that I can take my *Senior Experience* and my senior recital and just find so much personal meaning in it.” Watch how **Margaret McNeal ’16** took her project and created an innovative ensemble performance: go.lawrence.edu/lilith

—Rick Peterson



COMPOSER TO DIRECTOR, HEARTBREAK TO ACTION

After a devastating loss, Stephen Edwards '85 took his grief and turned it into a major choral composition. The journey of this piece became the subject of a documentary that premiered across the country on American Public Television.

By Suzanne Hones '17 Photo by Chuck Katz

Stephen Edwards '85 was overcome with emotions when his mother died in 2006. His father followed only five months later. “Beauty, anger, sadness, tears, hope,” he describes. He lost not only his mother, but his first teacher and greatest supporter.

“My mother was the person who gave me life and gave me music,” he says.

Edwards channeled his desire to memorialize his mother into what he knows best: music. He composed a new choral work, a requiem for 160 voices and a 50-piece orchestra, to express his emotions.

This piece eventually made its way to Vatican City in 2008 for a performance at the Basilica of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and Edwards captured the entire journey on camera. *Requiem for My Mother*, a documentary film Edwards co-directed with **David Haugland '73**, premiered on American Public Television May 15 (the day after Mother’s Day) and will be aired several times over the summer.

Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Mich., Edwards was interested in music from an early age, mostly thanks to his mother, Rosalie, a choral conductor and teacher. “She was seminal to my development as a person and musician,” he says.

At the end of 2005, Rosalie was diagnosed with ovarian cancer—startling news for Edwards and his three siblings. Her illness didn’t linger for long, and she died only a few months later. Moved by feelings of helplessness and grief, Edwards started on his new endeavor.

A requiem is a mass for the dead. The text of the work is traditional Latin prayers, already written and used in hundreds of previous works, for example, by Brahms and Mozart. “It was cathartic for me to release all these emotions. My job was to convey those as a sort of musical stenographer,” says Edwards, who was a piano student at Lawrence under Ted Rehl in the 1980s.

Edwards, a seasoned movie composer, was used to writing new music to already-written text. Writing only for himself, not under the watchful eye of a director, though, was freeing. “I wrote the piece that I felt like writing,” he says. “It sort of took me over. I was consumed by it, in a good way.”

The transition from movie composer to movie director began after the piece was written, when Edwards was invited by the Continuo Arts Foundation to have a work performed at the Musica Sacra festival in Vatican City. “I felt there was a story there,” says Edwards, who then approached Haugland about the idea of a movie.

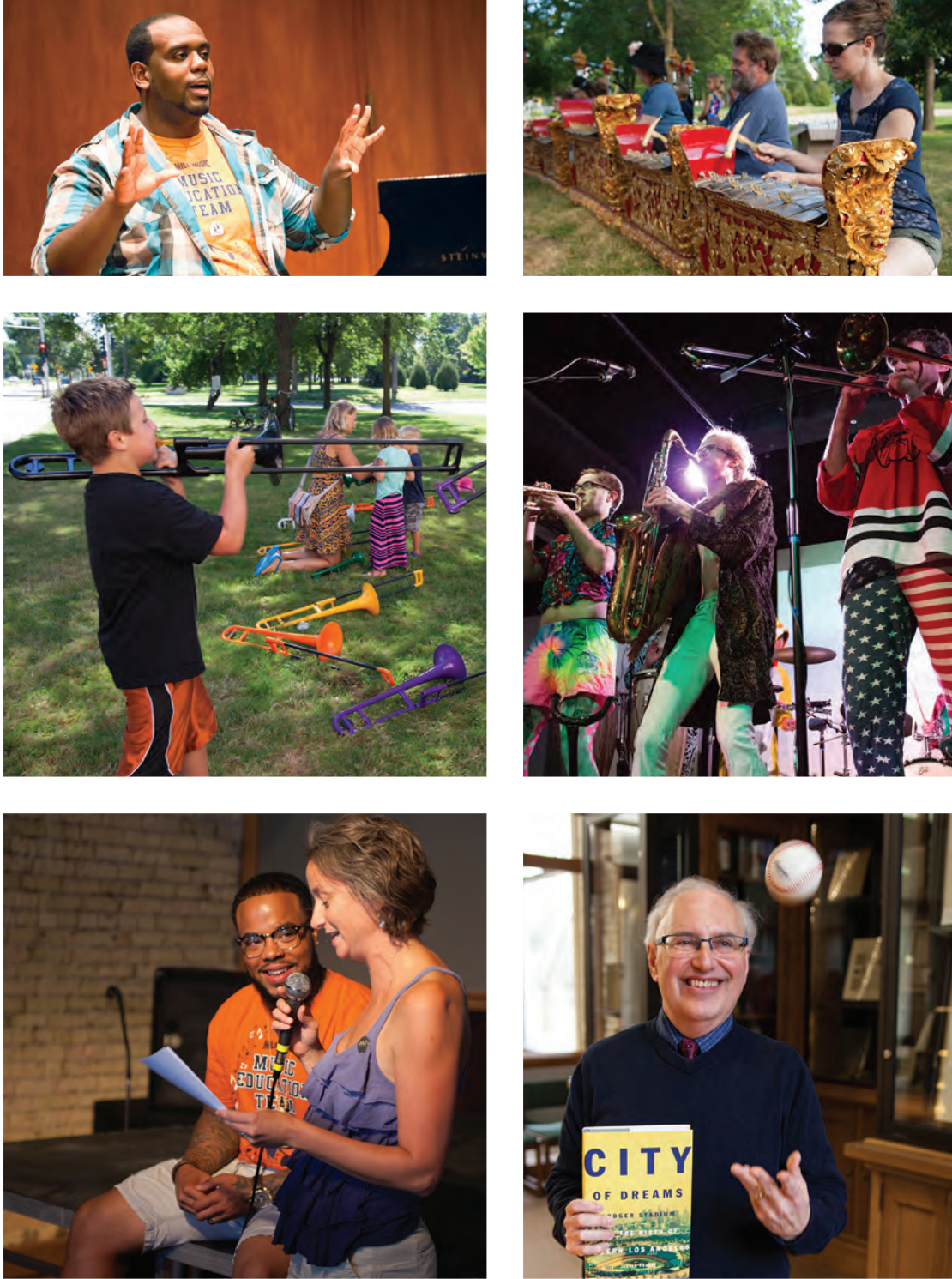
The requiem did more than commemorate Rosalie, her life and the influence she had on others. “Once it was out in the world, people were having their own catharsis,” Edwards says. Musicians involved—and even strangers—approached Edwards with stories of their own losses after hearing the piece.

“It’s kind of a call to action for people. They want to give back to their moms.”

► For more information, visit requiemformymother.com.



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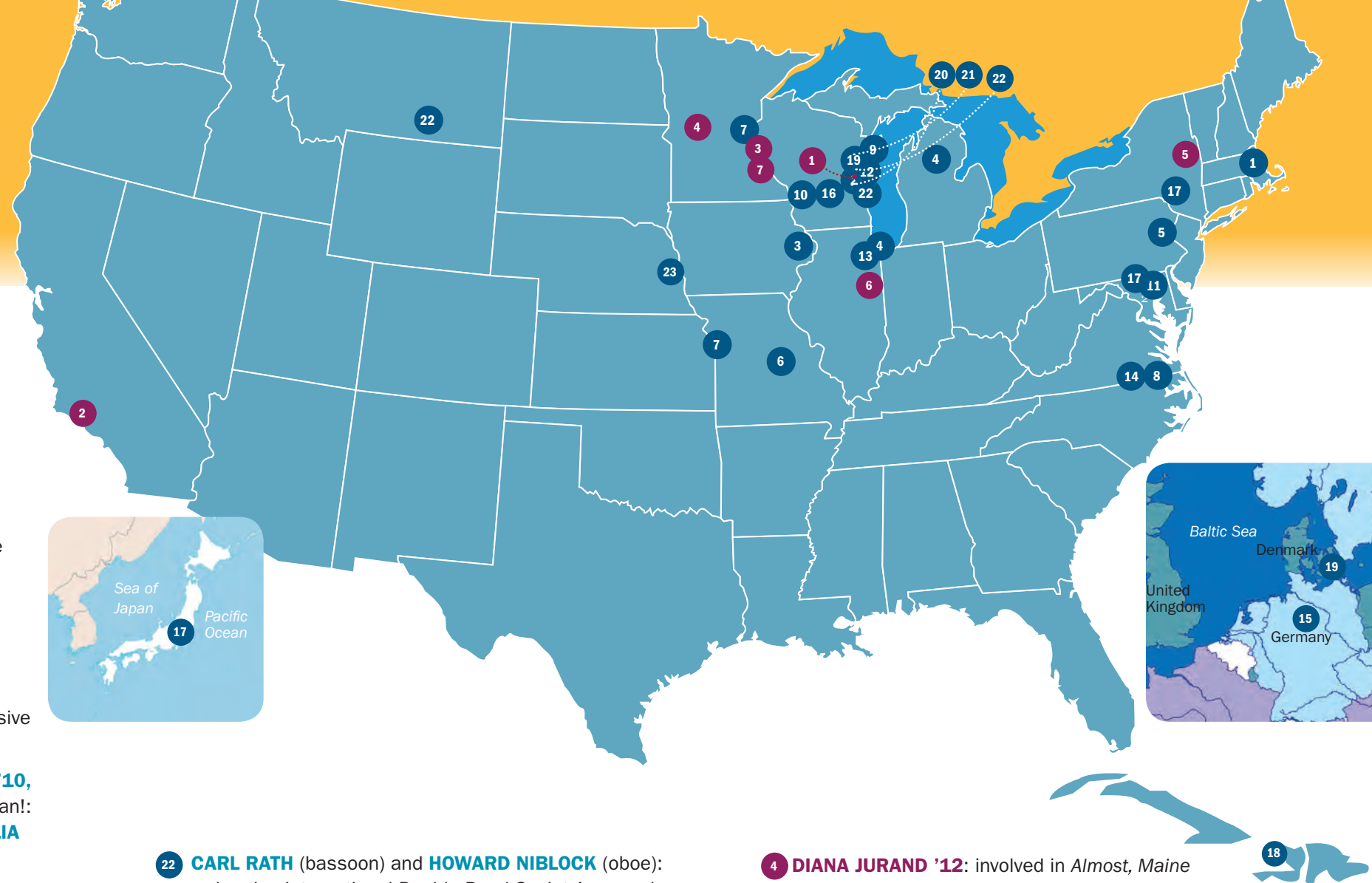
ALUMNI

- 1 **MELANIE BROOKS '00** (baritone saxophone): playing with a variety of Boston-area acts.
- 2 **ROSS CATTERTON '08** (saxophone): touring the Fox Cities and nationally with Kyle Megna and the Monsoons.
- 3 **LAURA CAVIANI '84** (piano): playing in Iowa Jazz Festival July 2 in Iowa City.
- 4 **ANDREW DEITRICH '96** and **NICK SIEGEL '03**: performing with circus punk marching band Mucca Pazza at New Holland Brewing, Holland, Mich., June 10; Chicago SummerDance June 30; Ravinia Festival July 23 in Highland Park, Ill.; Pritzker Pavillion with Chicago Sinfonietta Aug. 23; Night Out in the Parks (various Chicago parks) throughout the summer.
- 5 **CASEY FRENZ '14**, **MARSHALL YOE '14**, **ILAN BLANCK '17**, **JEREMIAH LEMKE-ROCHON '17**, **ELI EDELMAN '14**, **NICK ALLEN '14**, Matt Lowe—Porky's Groove Machine: performing in Bethlehem, Pa., at The Mad Tea Party Jam June 16.
- 6 **DYLAN JONES '02** (guitar): touring nationwide with Grammy nominee Gallant.
- 7 **MARY LOUISE KNUTSON '88** (piano): performing at the Kauffman Center in Kansas City, Mo., with Doc Severinsen and the Kansas City Symphony June 8; Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis with Severinsen and the Minnesota Orchestra July 22.
- 8 **KEN KOLODNER '76** (fiddle, hammered dulcimer): touring the mid-Atlantic June–Aug. For a comprehensive list: kenkolodner.com/schedule.html (see article on p. 18).
- 9 **ADAM MECKLER '07** (Jana Nyberg Group) Bailey's Harbor Farmers Market in Door County July 16; Husby's Garage, Sister Bay, Wis., July 19; The Cookery, Fish Creek, Wis., July 20; Husby's Garage, Sister Bay, Wis., July 22.
- 10 **SARAH MORRIS '01** (singer/songwriter): touring as Sarah Morris and the Sometimes Guys in LaCrosse, Wis., June 16 and June 17 in Delano, Minn.; also performing in a duo side project called The Home Fires, touring June 22–29 in Illinois and Wisconsin. For more: sarahmorrismusic.com and thehomefiresmusic.com.

- 11 **KIRSTEN LIES-WARFIELD '94** (trombone): touring the Washington, D.C., area and the mid-Atlantic with Balkan funk band Black Masala.
- 12 **MIKE POPE '12** (vocalist): performing at Mile of Music in Appleton, Wis., Aug. 3–6. Visit fortecmp.org for more.
- 13 **EMILY ROHM '01** (actor/singer): Divas of Chicago Theatre cabaret at Drury Lane July 9.
- 14 **ZOE REAMS '14** (mezzo soprano): performing Rossini's *The Touchstone* with Wolftap opera in Vienna, Va.
- 15 **HEIDI STOBER '00** (soprano): playing Pamina in *Die Zauberflöte* at Deutsche Oper Berlin July 8 and Semele in *Semele* for Garsington Opera. For a comprehensive list, visit heidistober.com/schedule-1.
- 16 **JULIA BLAIR '11**, **BEN DECORSEY '10**, **JEFF EDENBERG '10**, **RACHEL GRABER '13**, **LIAM O'BRIEN '10**—Holy Sheboygan!: Milwaukee June 9; The Draw, Appleton, Wis., June 10; **JULIA BLAIR** is also in the band Dusk!: Midwest Music Fest, La Crosse, Wis., April 15; Oshkosh Music Fest July 28; Badger Brewing, Green Bay; July 29; Orton Park Music Fest, Madison, Wis., Aug. 26.

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- 17 **TIMOTHY ALBRIGHT** (trombone): playing in Tokyo with Maria Schneider Orchestra June 7–11; in Sommerville, Mass., with Atlantic Brass Quintet July 9–21; in New York with the Dafnis Prieto Big Band Aug. 25–27.
- 18 **JANET ANTHONY** (cello): touring Haiti throughout July and August.
- 19 **KATHRINE HANDFORD** (organ): performing a series of recitals in Denmark July 11, Mariager Kirke, Mariager, Denmark. Vor Frelzers Kirke, (Our Savior's Church) Copenhagen, Denmark July 18.
- 20 **CATHERINE KAUTSKY** (piano): performing at Ripon College with Daedalus Quartet and Green Lake Chamber Players June 23.
- 21 **ANDY MAST** (conductor): Minnesota All-State Symphonic Band Aug. 10–12 and the Music for Music's Sake festival in Green Bay July 24–Aug. 4.




- 22 **CARL RATH** (bassoon) and **HOWARD NIBLOCK** (oboe): co-hosting International Double Reed Society's annual conference June 20–24 at Lawrence; Rath will also play and teach at the Red Lodge Music Festival June 3–11 in Billings, Mont.
- 23 **DANE RICHESON** and **MARK URNESS** (jazz): performing at Winters Jazz Club Chicago for the CD release of Jackie Allen May 27; Becketts in Oshkosh June 10; Birch Creek Music Camp, Egg Harbor, Door County, June 26–July 21; Chamber Music festival in Terra Madre (arranged by Fred Sturm) in Lincoln, Neb., July 15; Fox Valley Jazz Festival in September, Menasha, Wis., with **Matt Turner**, **Bill Corothers**, **Mark Urness**, **José Encarnación**.

THEATRE PERFORMANCES

- 1 **KYLE BRAUER '11**: playing Reverend Shaw in *Footloose* at the Riverside Park in Neenah, Wis., July 27–30 and Aug. 2–5.
- 2 **MEGAN FLOD JOHNSON '07**: artistic direction for *The Nest: Building a Village*, a performance-based installation, at Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles June 23–Aug. 31.
- 3 **ZACH GARCIA '11**: performing in the Minnesota Fringe Festival, a performing arts festival, in Minneapolis Aug. 3–13.

- 4 **DIANA JURAND '12**: involved in *Almost, Maine* at the Chief Theatre in Bemidji, Minn., July 19–23 and 26–29.
- 5 **LUKE MACMILLAN '14**: singing in *Falstaff* July 1, 6, 10 and 15 and *The Cradle Will Rock* July 9, 11, 13 and 16 in Sarasota Springs, N.Y.
- 6 **ASHER PERLMAN '08**: performing weekly with the Improvised Shakespeare Company in Chicago.
- 7 **DYLAN YOUNGER '16**: performing in *Sweet Land* at the History Theatre in St. Paul through May 28 and at Theatre L'Homme Dieu in Alexandria, Minn., June 20–25.

This calendar of events is subject to change and is not meant to be an exhaustive list. To see the most up-to-date list of faculty and alumni performances, or to add your own events and performances, visit go.lawrence.edu/summerperformances



Fiddle me this

Ken Kolodner '76 took a roundabout path to success in old-time music.

By Tom Ziemer

Ken Kolodner '76 could hear the other kids outside, running and playing in the Baltimore sun. But there the young future Lawrentian was, stuck on a piano bench, enduring lessons at his mother's insistence.

"I was a really active kid," he says. "And sitting around playing an instrument seemed like torture to me."

Watch Kolodner with a fiddle or a hammered dulcimer these days and you might be surprised to learn that his musical experience for the first 24 years of his life consisted of that two- or three-month aborted attempt at piano lessons. He's now considered a prominent artist and teacher in the world of old-time music, a genre that predates its more popular descendant, bluegrass.

And yet, Kolodner didn't play an instrument in high school and wasn't even remotely involved in the Conservatory during his four years at Lawrence. Soccer and lacrosse? You bet (in fact, Kolodner once juggled a soccer ball 653 consecutive times in the Quad). Music? Not so much.

That all changed just before graduate school, when an interest in folk music—and pursuit of a good time with some friends—prompted him to attend a fiddlers' convention in Maryland.

"I just saw that people were having so much fun playing these tunes—playing fiddles and banjos and guitars—and just kind of hanging out and jamming," he says, "and I thought, 'Wow, that would be so much fun if I could do that someday: just be able to play with people.'"

He got a violin from a family friend, bought some records and began teaching himself to fiddle. And he didn't stop when he started his Ph.D. program in epidemiology at Johns Hopkins. As he met other musicians, attended festivals and discovered and taught himself the hammered dulcimer, he revised his career plans: he would finish his Ph.D. and then split his time between music and research.

And so Kolodner, in between playing more than 120 shows a year as part of a world music trio called Helicon, worked as a part-time research consultant during down time on the road. When he and his wife had two kids, he curbed his touring schedule and took a part-time job as a statistician (a position that accounts for some of the more than 100 papers he's co-authored in medical journals). Eventually, though, music won out.

"After a couple years of doing that, I couldn't take it anymore," says Kolodner, "because I was missing playing."

Helicon disbanded, Kolodner started to wade into other genres and, in 1997 and with new collaborators, recorded *Walking Stones*, an album that topped the world music charts. As Kolodner's musical career blossomed, he also began to establish his reputation as an instructor, both for musicians in the Baltimore area and at camps across the country. One of the latter assignments—at a camp in Maine in 2007—turned into a pivotal moment in Kolodner's career.

Kolodner's then-17-year-old son Brad had followed in his father's footsteps by eschewing music for other pursuits. But, when Brad wanted to tag along to the camp, Ken laid down a ground rule: He had to at least take a class. Brad opted for introductory banjo, which apparently struck a chord. Within six months, he was good enough to occasionally join Ken on stage. By 2009, the father-son duo was playing together regularly. Today, the Kolodners usually play a couple concerts a week. One such stop brought Ken back to Lawrence for a World Music Series show in February.

"How many 62-year-old dads get to say, 'Hey, I work with my son'?" Ken says. "There is something special about making music with anybody—that communication that takes place when two or more players get together, if you're really listening to each other and communicate, that can be a beautiful thing. But to do it with a family member, it just brings it to another level. It is an amazingly special thing." ■

For a comprehensive list of summer performances:
► kenkolodner.com/schedule.html

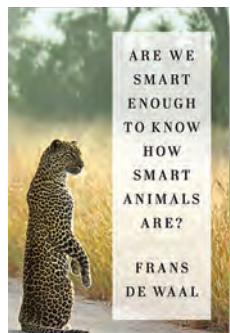




Reintroducing ... PROFESSORS' PICKS

You asked, and we're happy to oblige. When we sent out an email survey last summer, more than a handful of *Lawrence* magazine readers asked for us to bring back a feature from the past: faculty-recommended books to read this summer.

So, without further ado ...

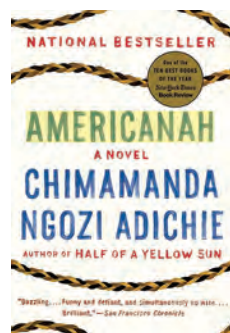


Elizabeth De Stasio
Raymond H. Herzog Professor of Science and professor of biology
Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are? by Frans De Waal

De Waal's most recent book contains clear and accessible summaries of research into animal cognition. Written in an engaging style, de Waal's explanations include interesting tidbits about how these

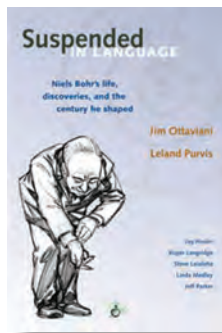
experiments are done, and the importance of both controlled experiments and observational studies. He also gives the reader a glimpse into the personalities and biases of scientists, past and present, doing research in the area of animal cognition and behavior. Chapter 2 gets a little deep into philosophical divides within the field, but stick with the book and you will be richly rewarded!

The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery
Montgomery is an excellent nature writer for the *Boston Globe*. This, her most recent book, describes her newfound love of octopuses and her discovery of their personalities, behaviors and life history. With descriptions of her "friendship" with octopuses at the Boston Aquarium to her encounters with them in the wild, this is a book I found hard to put down. It is perfect summer reading and will leave you with great respect for these intelligent creatures and for Montgomery's ability to turn a phrase.



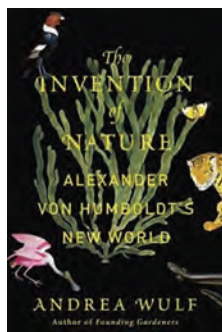
Americanah
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

This 2013 novel about a young woman who grows up in Nigeria and comes to the U.S. for college is carefully crafted and a joy to read. Adichie skillfully weaves together the life stories of Ifemelu, her lovers and her family. However, this novel sparkles best in Ifemelu's direct and increasingly nuanced understanding of American culture—particularly race and class—as told through her blog posts. If you ever wondered how it would feel to land in the U.S. from another country, Adichie will give you one very clear perspective.



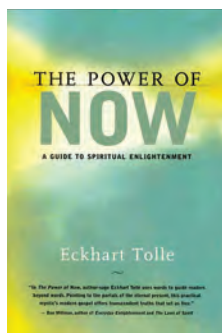
Allison Fleshman
assistant professor of chemistry
Suspended in Language by Jim Ottaviani and Leland Purvis

This graphic novel is a biography of Niels Bohr and explains his contribution to quantum physics and 20th-century history. It brings about the rich history of the quantum revolution, but also showcases the giants of physics in a jovial and approachable manner. I also use this book in my physical chemistry course to highlight the historical significance of quantum mechanics that the students are learning.



Peter Gilbert
Alice G. Chapman Director of the Library
The Invention of Nature by Andrea Wulf

Today, relatively few people have heard of Alexander von Humboldt, but back in his day, he was insanely famous—the most famous scientist of his age. Wulf portrays Humboldt as a genuine visionary whose perception of nature as one vast web influenced people such as Darwin and Thoreau. Wulf says "Humboldt's books, diaries and letters reveal ... a thinker far ahead of his time," who predicted human-induced climate change 150 years ago. This biography/history/travelogue brings Humboldt to life in an evocative and engaging way.



Minoo Adenwalla
professor emeritus of government
The Power of Now by Eckhart Tolle

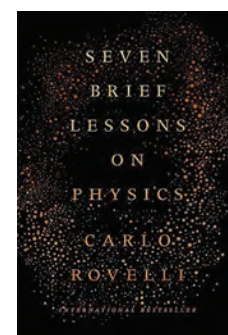
This work, which has sold over 3 million copies, is a serious analysis of "spiritual enlightenment."



Catherine Kautsky
professor of music and chair of keyboard
Twilight of the Belle Epoque by Mary McAuliffe

A wonderful, lively and far-ranging portrait of Paris. McAuliffe manages to move seamlessly from art to music to perfume to car manufacturing, all the while providing an extraordinarily accurate historical portrait of the fin de siècle years in Paris.

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
The first of a wonderful trilogy. The extraordinarily beautiful prose in this book, which concerns an aging pastor and his young wife and son, will engage any reader, whether they share Robinson's deeply religious outlook or not.



Douglas Martin
associate professor of physics
Seven Brief Lessons on Physics by Carlo Rovelli

Beach reading on physics? Yes! This delightful, slim book is seven articles about the nature of the universe, each originally published in the Italian newspaper *Il Sole 24 Ore*. Rovelli uses beautiful language to inspire reflection on what it means to know—and what it means to be human. It took me two hours to read this book, but I've thought about it nearly daily since.

The Circle by Dave Eggers
If you are looking for a reason to stop using social media, this novel is perfect. It offers a compressed route to a dystopian future where individually beneficial tradeoffs of privacy for connectedness sum to a whole that is much more. Sometimes it is a good thing to stop using a screen and just talk, face to face. There is an added bonus if you like to kayak!



Amy Ongiri
Jill Beck Director of Film Studies and associate professor of film studies
Citizen by Claudia Rankine

Citizen is not an easy summer read, but it is an intriguing one. The book mixes poetry, social commentary and criticism with narrative prose to construct a look into the contemporary experience of African American identity. It won the National Book Critics Circle Award, an NAACP Image Award, *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize and was on the *New York Times* best-sellers list for several months. *Citizen* will be of interest to anyone who is intrigued by contemporary questions about race and belonging or anyone who is simply interested in cutting-edge experiments in narrative.



Jerald Podair
Robert S. French Professor of American Studies and professor of history

As the author of a new baseball-themed book myself, I thought I would share a list of my favorite contributions to the literature on our national game.

The Glory of Their Times by Lawrence Ritter

Between 1962 and 1966, Ritter, a New York University economics professor and baseball fan, traveled the country, tape recorder in hand, and interviewed an elderly group of retired ballplayers from the game's golden age. The result was both a pioneering work of what we now call "oral history" and a beautifully wrought set of reminiscences of baseball as it was played and lived in the first two decades of the 20th century.

The Boys of Summer by Roger Kahn

A tribute to a lost world—the Brooklyn of the 1950s—and the lost team that embodied it. The Brooklyn Dodgers were New York's "people's team," a group of powerful players and personalities rendered all the more human by the cruelties and agonies of their late-season near-misses. Kahn, who covered the team for yet another bygone institution, the *New York Herald-Tribune*, combines their story with his own to produce perhaps the most lyrical baseball book ever written.

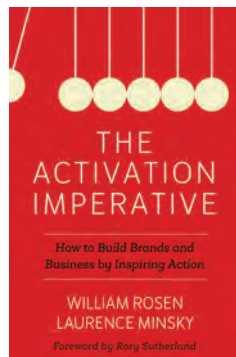
A False Spring by Pat Jordan

"Finish what you start." That is the advice I'm always offering my students at Lawrence. But what if you're simply not good enough to finish what you've started in life? What then? Jordan, a bonus baby in the Milwaukee Braves farm system, failed miserably at the only thing that mattered to him: throwing a baseball past a batter. Jordan's struggle to come to terms with his unrealized dreams produced a great American memoir and also launched him on a second career as one of America's finest journalists.

Ball Four by Jim Bouton

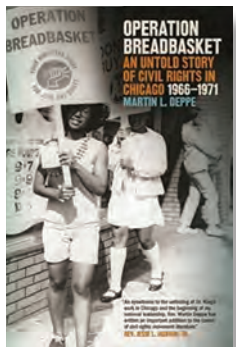
Frank, raw, irreverent and spectacularly funny, *Ball Four* blew the lid off baseball's all-American image when it was published in 1970. Imitated but never equaled, it is the first truly honest account of the daily life of a major league baseball player and the model for the tell-all accounts that now proliferate on sports bookshelves. Parts of this book, almost a half-century after I first read them, still make me laugh out loud.

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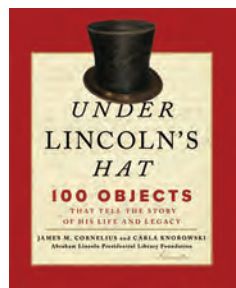
The Activation Imperative: How to Build Brands and Business by Inspiring Action
Laurence Minsky '84 and William Rosen

This straightforward guide offers marketers a road map to manage today's increasingly fragmented marketing landscape to more effectively and efficiently build brands and business. Minsky and Rosen move beyond building brands to activating them with actionable advice and best-in-class examples.



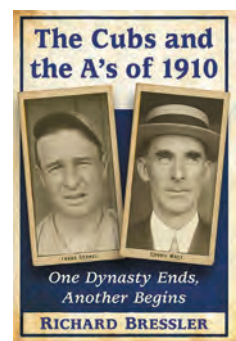
Operation Breadbasket: An Untold Story of Civil Rights in Chicago, 1966-1971
Martin L. Deppe '57

This is the first full history of Operation Breadbasket, the interfaith economic justice program that put bread on the tables of the city's African American families in the form of steady jobs. Deppe digs deeply into the program's past to update the meager narrative about Breadbasket, add details to Martin Luther King Jr.'s and Jesse Jackson's roles and tell Breadbasket's little-known story.



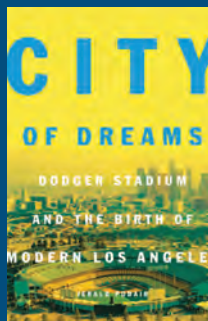
Under Lincoln's Hat: 100 Objects That Tell the Story of His Life and Legacy
James M. Cornelius '81 and Carla Knorowski

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum have selected 100 items from their extensive and rare collection that will give readers an intimate glimpse into the turning points of Lincoln's life and presidency. Each image is accompanied by a one-page descriptive essay by Cornelius or Knorowski that reveals a sense of Lincoln and his times in a fresh and immediate way.



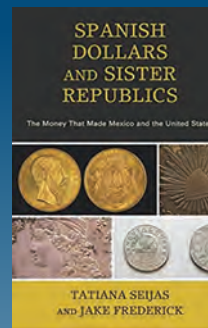
The Cubs and the A's of 1910
Richard Bressler '75

Going into the World Series, the Cubs—favored to win—were at the end of a great run, and the Philadelphia A's were at the start of one. This book tells the story of the changing of the guard in baseball in 1910, and how these two great teams assembled. The narrative takes in the history of early 20th century baseball, featuring men like Ben Shibe, Connie Mack, Eddie Collins and many others.



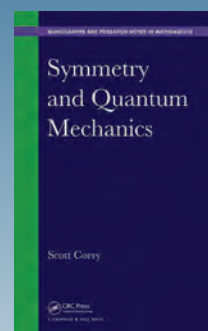
City of Dreams: Dodger Stadium and the Birth of Modern Los Angeles
Jerald Podair, Robert S. French Professor of American Studies and professor of history

When Walter O'Malley moved his Brooklyn Dodgers to Los Angeles in 1957 with plans to construct a new ballpark next to downtown, he ignited a bitter argument over the future of a rapidly changing city. For the first time, *City of Dreams* tells the full story in a vivid narrative of the controversial building of Dodger Stadium—and how it helped create modern Los Angeles by transforming its downtown into a vibrant cultural and entertainment center.



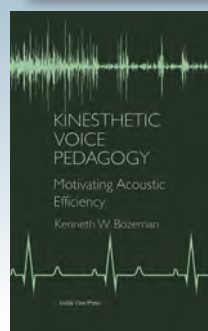
Spanish Dollars and Sister Republics: The Money that Made Mexico and the United States
Jack Frederick, associate professor of history, and Tatiana Seijas

This book traces the linked history of Mexico and the United States from the 1770s to the 1860s. In showing how the creation of U.S. dollars and Mexican pesos paralleled these countries' efforts to establish enduring political and economic systems, the book illustrates why these nations closed the 19th century on very different historical trajectories.



Symmetry and Quantum Mechanics
Scott Corry, associate professor of mathematics

Structured as a dialogue between a mathematician and a physicist, *Symmetry and Quantum Mechanics* unites the mathematical topics of this field into a compelling and physically motivated narrative that focuses on the central role of symmetry.



Kinesthetic Voice Pedagogy: Motivating Acoustic Efficiency
Kenneth Bozeman, Frank C. Shattuck Professor of Music and teacher of voice

A sequel to Bozeman's first book, *Kinesthetic Voice Pedagogy* explains how to stimulate the vocal tract behaviors and tunings known to be favorable by translating objective acoustic goals and causes into the subjective, kinesthetic and operational motivations and perceptions of the singer.

IN MY OWN WORDS —AMY MORTON '84

Owner and operator, FOUND Kitchen and Social House and The Barn

I left Lawrence with the intention of being an actor who would work in restaurants to pay the bills. I was passionate and committed to making a difference and wound up a restaurateur hiring individuals coming out of homelessness (when possible), with the dining room as my stage.

After graduating, I worked just long enough to save for a year abroad; upon my return I founded a theatre company in the Chicago area and worked in restaurants to pay the rent. I had the unlikely experience of being born into the restaurant business, so unlike other thespians who may have waited tables, I jumped into management. By the time I was 27, I had morphed from theatre into restaurants full time, opening my first restaurant in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood. And although my restaurant, Miradore, was highly regarded, I wasn't yet ready to choose restaurants as a lifelong trajectory.

I had been drawn to the issue of homelessness since my days at Lawrence so, coupled with my passion for culture and my longing for personal exploration, I chose to take a more spiritual personal journey over the course of the next 10 years. And although I remained in the restaurant business, it became more a means to an end, including meeting my husband, with whom I embarked on the best part of my life to date: starting our family.

As my daughters got older, I pondered the idea of going back to work. Now, almost four and a half years later, I have two

restaurants in Evanston, Ill. To me, the restaurant business is, above all, about making people feel good and that they belong. I love the people, the dynamic, ever-changing environment, the creativity, the business strategy and the numbers. Though, mostly, I love making people happy and I found a way to make a difference by committing to hire people coming out of homelessness for entry-level positions.

Since my youngest days I have been drawn to those with less. I was born privileged and felt a deep calling to give back. The work I did at Lawrence helped me put my feelings into action. FOUND, my restaurant, was based on the premise of giving back—a for-profit model that can do good. In addition to hiring people coming out of homelessness, we give back in many other ways, including making the restaurant available to nonprofits to use at cost on the first Monday of each month.

Lawrence was a safe, amazing place to be free and explore who I was and who I was going to be! Professors such as the incomparable Fred Gaines and the inspirational Jay O'Brien changed my life and became lifelong friends and mentors. I used to smirk at all the talk of the "Lawrence difference," mostly because I didn't understand it and took it for granted. Each year I am reminded of how profound the "Lawrence difference" really is, and I will be forever grateful to have experienced it. ■



After battling cancer and finding her voice, Callie Bates '09 is set to release her debut novel

By Suzanne Honess '17

You graduated from college just months ago, your car is packed, you have an apartment already rented in another state and graduate school awaits. But then the phone rings and the voice on the other end takes you by surprise. You had prepared for homesickness, for a new place, for challenges ... but not for cancer.

This was the experience of **Callie Bates '09** as a fresh Lawrence graduate, seven years before launching her career as an author in earnest.

Her health problems began just weeks before Commencement in May 2009 when she collapsed in an Ormsby Hall bathroom. "My roommate was gone, the halls eerily empty at 9:30 on that Monday morning," Bates wrote in a 2011 essay titled *The Purple Wig*. Campus security took her to the hospital, and she left after a series of tests, scared, with no answers.

Commencement came and went. Medical issues came throughout the summer, unexplained.

Fall arrived and Bates, who hails from a small town in the north woods of Wisconsin, was about to head to Flagstaff, Ariz., for graduate school in creative writing. She was standing on the threshold of a new, warmer chapter in her life when she was jerked back.

"I thought I would be delayed a day, but one day turned into one week," she says now. Bates learned she had uterine cancer at 23 years old, "a disease usually reserved for grandmothers," she wrote in her 2011 essay.

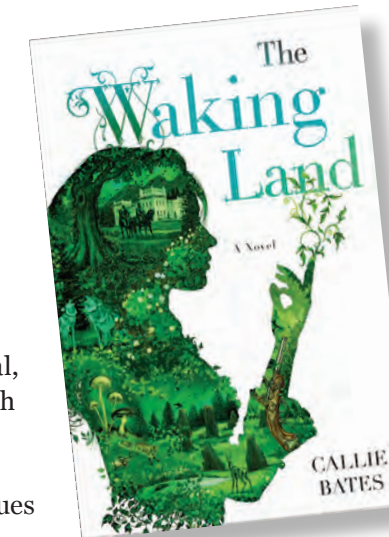
She had surgery at the Mayo Clinic and did chemotherapy at home in Manitowish, Wis., for seven months. While at

Lawrence, Bates was an English major and art history minor. She was involved in *Tropos*, the student-run literature and art magazine, and also led an informal writer's group for fellow logophiles to discuss the writing process together. Her recent-grad life, though, included taking steroids and medications that simultaneously sapped and sustained her life.

"I had no focus or drive to complete a novel. It took me about two to three years to get my writing voice back," she recalls.

Within seven months, however, Bates was in remission. Now, closing in on eight years following her diagnosis, her first novel comes out June 27.

The Waking Land is a fantasy novel that follows a young girl with a supernatural affinity for the environment around her who is caught up in a rebellion and must face divided loyalties. Set to have two sequels coming out in the following years, the novel includes a huge environment and nature component—fitting, since Bates is an outdoors person.



"I go out to sit somewhere and consciously think through each scene, plotting character arcs. It's a way to ground myself in the story," says Bates, who spends a lot of her time handwriting drafts in notebooks before going inside to the computer.

Bates has coordinated two book festivals in her area and, in addition to writing, plays the harp and is a certified harp therapist. "I go to hospitals and nursing homes and play music in groups or one-on-one to help people through treatments," she says.

Between book edits these days, she finds time to give back to those who may be going through what she knows all too well.

Her Write

A Fight for



FACULTY PROFILE LORI MICHELLE HILT '97
Assistant Professor of Psychology

“One of the most amazing things about being at Lawrence is seeing my students grow and realize their dreams,” says Lori Michelle Hilt '97.

The alumna-turned-faculty member nurtures that growth through her Child and Adolescent Research in Emotion (CARE) lab, providing opportunities for students to delve into topics such as adolescent depression, suicide prevention and emotional regulation.

Specifically, she studies rumination, “a particularly maladaptive strategy that involves passively brooding on negative emotions.” Among other projects, she and a team of students recently completed a study that pinpointed two strategies to resist that problematic behavior: mindfulness meditation and distraction. The CARE lab team has designed and tested a mobile mindfulness app as a potential intervention.

What advice would you give adolescents experiencing depression? What would you tell their parents?

I would want to let them know there is hope. I would advise both teens and their parents to seek evidenced-based treatment and expect it to involve weekly sessions for several weeks, in either individual or group formats. There are treatment protocols specifically for adolescents with depression. There are also anti-depressant medications that may be taken with close medical supervision.

What's the biggest difference between Lawrence in the mid-'90s and now?

The food is so much better now! We had two or three entrée choices at Downer Commons (lines A and B downstairs and line C upstairs). Now there are so many choices with high-quality, locally sourced organic ingredients at Andrew Commons. The academic programs have also changed and expanded, with many more interdisciplinary programs such as neuroscience and environmental studies.

What do you like to do away from work?

I spend most of my time enjoying my two kids (ages 2 and 6). We have lots of dance parties at home at the wild and crazy hour of 6 a.m. (quite different from my LU days of late-night dance parties). I also enjoy meditating, exercising and traveling.

FACULTY PROFILE IAN BATES
Assistant Professor of Music Theory



Ian Bates has loved music for as long as he can remember.

“Music was always an important part of my family life growing up, and I credit this early exposure for my lifelong engagement with it,” he says.

Bates picked an appropriate line of work. A native of Ontario, Canada, he studied and taught at the University of Western Ontario and Yale before coming to Lawrence in 2011.

What is tonality and why are you interested in it?

Tonality is a systematic hierarchical arrangement of musical tones from which there emerges a harmonic grammar and syntax that can be used to construct musical ideas. My interest lies in the specific way in which this grammar and syntax emerges when Western scale systems are parsed into harmonic units called triads and what this all has to do with the group-theoretic properties of those scale systems and our perceptions of them.

If you could have dinner with one legendary composer, who would it be?

J.S. Bach, the Baroque master of tonal counterpoint. The particular genius he possessed seems at times to defy comprehension, and I would very much like to meet the man behind what I believe to be some of the most astonishing artworks in Western culture.

How would you sum up Conservatory students in one sentence?

They are in equal measure both intensely focused and broadly intellectual, possessing a depth of musicality and a passion for learning that are not commonly found at the undergraduate level.

What's your favorite part about teaching at Lawrence?

Without question, the students. They are so musical and so consistently engaged with the material that they are a joy to teach. At the same time, their thirst for knowledge has pushed me to continue to learn along with them, which I really appreciate.

What's one item on your bucket list?

Someday I hope to travel to Europe. As an undergraduate, I never had the opportunity that Lawrence students have to study abroad. I hope they realize how fortunate they are to attend an institution that supports and encourages them in this way!

What do you like to do away from work?

Mostly, I like to spend time with my family. My wife and I have a 4-year-old son and 2-year-old identical twin girls, so needless to say I seldom get to spend as much time with each of them as I would like!



FACULTY PROFILE ERIN LESSER

Associate Professor of Flute

When it came time to choose an instrument in fifth grade, Erin Lesser picked the French horn.

“But lessons were at the same time as my ballroom dancing classes,” she says. “I moved on to my second choice, which was the flute.”

Her backup plan seems to have panned out. In addition to teaching at Lawrence, she tours the country—and sometimes, beyond—as a member of several ensembles, including Alarm Will Sound and Wet Ink Ensemble. The latter performed on campus in January as part of the Conservatory’s New Music @ Lawrence series, which Lesser helped establish.

Lesser is also a co-founder of Music for All, a program that brings Lawrence performances into nontraditional venues around the Fox Valley.

How do you juggle teaching and performing?
With difficulty! But I think the experiences I bring with me from performing to teaching (and vice versa) are well worth it. I can’t imagine a career that didn’t include both.

What sparked your interest in music?
When I was 14, my flute teacher invited me to a performance of *Voice of the Whale* by George Crumb. The flutist was amplified, sang into the instrument, whistled and did many other nontraditional things. I was completely fascinated by what I heard, and I credit that moment with inspiring my love of contemporary music and stretching my ideas of where music could take me.

What is your favorite venue in which you’ve performed?
I still get very excited when I’m asked to play at Carnegie Hall, but often it’s the specific experience or event that sticks with me. For example, I made a tuna fish sandwich onstage at the Muziekgebouw in Amsterdam as part of a performance of *Songbooks* by John Cage. I played a sold-out show at Walt Disney Hall in Los Angeles with Alarm Will Sound and The Dirty Projectors. And Wet Ink Ensemble gave a candlelight performance in an old doctor’s office in Berlin that still had stretchers and surgical equipment as furnishings.

What’s your favorite part about teaching at Lawrence?
Collaborations are my favorite part of being a musician, and Lawrence provides a great environment for working with colleagues and students. I hope to find more ways to collaborate outside the conservatory as well.

What’s one item on your bucket list?
I managed to scratch off one when I tried bungee jumping (out of a cable car over a river in Latvia), but I’d still like to ride in a hot air balloon.

FACULTY PROFILE MARK PHELAN

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Mark Phelan wasn’t in Arkansas anymore. A junior majoring in English at Ouachita Baptist University in his home state, he had decided to study abroad in Japan.

“I experienced pretty severe culture shock, which led to a more general existential crisis,” he recalls. “I started thinking deeply about questions such as: Why are we here? What is the point of life?”

“Some of the books I could get in English were philosophy texts, which—at least tangentially—dealt with questions such as these. Some of Bertrand Russell’s later writings were the first philosophical works I read, and I was hooked immediately. When I came back to the States, I decided to add a philosophy major.”

These days, he helps Lawrence students grapple with questions that range from how to value art to the nature of the relationship between body and mind.

What are your current scholarly interests?
I tend to have pretty wide-ranging interests, focused around the areas of philosophy of mind and language, and with strong overlaps with questions in psychology and linguistics. I just finished up a paper on the relationship between one’s views of morality and belief in God. I’m working on two other papers, one of which focuses on the way in which we talk about groups as though they have minds of their own. Do we ever really mean that Microsoft, for example, has beliefs and desires that are distinct from those of the people who work for Microsoft? Another paper investigates the way in which we talk about art.

What is life’s most vexing philosophical question?
The most vexing practical, philosophical questions I think we face right now concern our form of government and the standards of responsible belief formation and productive communication that are necessary for its proper functioning. Things have clearly fallen pretty far from the Enlightenment standards of rational reflective debate and belief that gave birth to our democratic institutions. Ultimately, I think philosophy can help meet this challenge by helping us discover what it is to be a responsible believer and, perhaps, by showing us that responsible belief formation is a patriotic duty.

What’s your favorite part about teaching at Lawrence?
That Lawrence students are resilient and respond well to challenges. I assign difficult material in my classes and am continually impressed by how students rise to the challenge. I also really like how interdisciplinary Lawrence is. So many students have weird and cool combinations of intellectual interests. And it’s great to have professor friends from so many different disciplines across campus.



Ask ^A Professor

What is *la Francophonie*?

By Lifongo Vetinde, associate professor of French



The term *la Francophonie* refers to the linguistic community that uses the French language either as their mother tongue or a primary vehicle of communication worldwide in more than 40 countries on five continents: Africa, Europe, North America, Asia and South America. Coined in the 19th century by the French geographer Onésime Reclus (1830–1916), the

original objective of *la Francophonie* was to serve as a bulwark against the domination of French by other languages, especially English. With time Reclus' vision of *la Francophonie*, based on linguistic nationalism, has morphed into a larger concept.

In the 1960s three African leaders from French-speaking countries—Léopold Sédar Senghor, the first president of Sénégal; Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia; and Hamani Diori of Niger—vied for the development of *la Francophonie* as a platform for fostering cooperation between France and other industrialized French-speaking countries of the north and the developing French-speaking countries of the south, especially on the African continent. This effort led to the formal creation of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), generally referred to as *la Francophonie*, in 1970. A multidimensional organization with a strong economic, political, cultural and technological agenda, it is presently composed of 80 states with 57 as full members and 23 with observer status. About half of the member states are from French-speaking Africa. Today the Francophone community is about 274 million strong, according to 2014 estimates.

Some African intellectuals are opposed to the idea of the OIF because, in their view, it is a ploy for advancing the neocolonialist agenda of their erstwhile colonial masters.

They cite France's promotion of the French language at the expense of their national languages as a powerful example to buttress their point. Jacques Chirac, a former French president, fueled this thinking in his speech during the 1995 Francophone summit in Cotonou, Benin. Chirac rang the alarm bells of the ever-growing hegemony of English and the United States that endangers the survival of the French language. He urged Francophone artists, film directors and computer engineers to produce in French as an effective strategy of checking the overwhelming domination of English and saving the French language from a potential eclipsing.

Despite the perception and criticism that the OIF is, at bottom, a language movement designed for the sustenance of French, the humanistic underpinnings of its goals and philosophy are irresistibly attractive. Through the use of a common language, the community pursues common objectives while respecting the cultural diversity of its members. One of its core principles is the advancement of peace, democracy and the respect of human rights in its member states. Although there is no mechanism for the enforcement of this noble ideal, the organization puts pressure on member states in violation of the principle by suspending their membership in the organization. The governments of Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, for instance, have come under intense pressure to end human rights abuses. Furthermore, the OIF promotes multilateral cooperation in education, economic development, scientific research, agriculture, various kinds of sustainable development projects and cultural production in French-speaking African countries.

Is the OIF relevant in this era of globalization? It certainly is, for it brings together people from different parts of the world with different cultures, traditions, interests and ideological backgrounds in the pursuit of a vast array of activities on the global stage. *La Francophonie* is unquestionably an active player in the inexorable process of globalization. *Vive la Francophonie!*

Lifongo Vetinde is an associate professor of French in Lawrence's Department of French and Francophone Studies.

"One wonders what unintentional messages the objects we leave behind will carry into the future."

—**Marcia Bjørnerud**, Walter Schober Professor of Environmental Studies and professor of geology, writing in *The New Yorker* on ceramic jars from Iron Age Judea and what they reveal about Earth's magnetic field

VIKING VOICES

"In a marriage, you know the rules. You know who brings the chocolates on Valentine's Day. It's all scripted."

—**Helen Boyd Kramer**, instructor of gender studies, for a *Philadelphia Inquirer* story on marriages in which one partner changes genders

"The lessons are that space is *big*, and we are still in the infancy of space exploration and however fast we manage to go, we will—at least so far as we know—always be beholden to relativity."

—**Megan Pickett**, associate professor of physics, in a *Now.space* story about the discovery of Earth-sized planets orbiting the dwarf star TRAPPIST-1.

"One could argue that Americans are already accusing immigrants and Muslims of being the witches of our time. Both groups are seen by some in power as disruptive to social order by their very presence. Some even see them as inherently dangerous."

—**Peter Peregrine**, professor of anthropology, in his op-ed "Dangers of the Witch Hunt in Washington" that appeared on *The Conversation.com*

"If you're going to be for democratic principles, that means being willing to support people who might be struggling for democracy somewhere else."

—**Claudena Skran**, Edwin & Ruth West Professor of Economics and Social Science and professor of government, to the *Appleton Post-Crescent* on the debate over the U.S. accepting refugees

Lawyer-turned-pastor **Jeanne Bringgold-Pro '77** credits

Lawrence with teaching her academic discipline, critical thinking and the drive to make a difference in the world. Through her financial support, she hopes to provide similarly valuable lessons for today's students.



"I donate to Lawrence because I do not believe students should be distracted by financial worries—they should be able to concentrate on their academic and personal development. I have joined the Legacy Circle by including Lawrence in my estate plan to contribute to the well-being of students. That is what Lawrence is all about."

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HISTORY LESSON

By Erin Dix '08, university archivist

A LOOK BACK ...

125 years ago (1892): In April 1892, weekday (required) chapel services were moved from the late afternoon to nine o'clock in the morning—a change that athletes welcomed.

100 years ago (1917): In April 1917, President Samuel Plantz announced all athletic competitions were to be canceled as a wartime measure.

Crew became a popular sport for Milwaukee-Downer students after a rowing shell was purchased from Fox Lake, Wis., in 1895. Interclass regattas were held on the Milwaukee River annually until Milwaukee-Downer consolidated with Lawrence in 1964. This image shows spectators watching Milwaukee-Downer College's 24th annual regatta in the spring of 1926.

75 years ago (1942): All Lawrence students living on campus were asked to register for sugar rations in May.

50 years ago (1967): Students held a “visit-in” in Trevor Hall to protest the faculty's vote rejecting a plan to expand open dorms on March 31, 1967.

25 years ago (1992): The Lawrence Concert Choir, directed by Rick Bjella,

released its first compact disc recording, *Music of the Americas*, in March.

10 years ago (2007): Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and social commentator Susan Faludi explored America's psychological response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the Honors Convocation. ■

COURSE SPOT LIGHT

HISTORY 281: THINKING ABOUT HARRY POTTER

It may be hard to believe, but the first Harry Potter novel came out 20 years ago—meaning current Lawrence students have grown up right along with the bespectacled, ballyhooed wizard. And so it should come as no surprise that History 281 is a popular course. It considers J.K. Rowling's novels “in terms of their relation to history, legend and myth; their contested aesthetic merit and ethical values; and their broader contemporary social and political implications,” according to the course syllabus.

Instructor: Edmund Michael Kern, associate professor of history

When: Tuesday, Thursday; 9–10:50 a.m.

Size: 24 students

Who takes it?: Only students who have read all seven Harry Potter books

On the reading list: *The Wisdom of Harry Potter: What Our Favorite Hero Teaches Us About Moral Choices* by Kern; *Critical Perspectives on Harry Potter*, edited by Elizabeth E. Heilman; *The Ultimate Harry Potter and Philosophy: Hogwarts for Muggles*, edited by Gregory Bassham; and a variety of newspaper and magazine articles (none of the Harry Potter novels or movies are included—students should already be familiar with them!)

Sample assignment: Each student researches a Potter-related topic and writes a 3,000-word essay that advances an argument. Previous topics have ranged from comparisons of magic performed in the books with the types found in historical sources.

The student view: “My favorite thing about this class is that it's one of the most engaged classes I've ever been in. It's been really cool to have a class where everyone is so interested in the subject material. I like how it takes something that we're all very familiar with and have it thought about in a critical way, turning it on its head.” —**Sophie Penniman '19**



“The first thing that crossed my mind when I stepped onto campus for the first time this year was I'm extremely lucky to have found Lawrence. Since that day, I've joined the staff of the school newspaper, found myself on the email list of a dozen clubs and have learned more than I thought was possible in just one year. Every day, Lawrence crafts me into a stronger, better and happier person. With all the opportunities offered here and the amazing students and faculty that are always there when you need help, I can think of no better place to call home for the next four years than Lawrence.”

—Andrew Brown '20, McHenry, Ill.

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RESEARCHING THE OUTAGAMIE ASYLUM

Lawrentians often find ways to interact with the surrounding community, whether through classes, internships or volunteering. **Tori Scott '17** had the opportunity to combine all three of those right across the street from the college in a unique way.

From the summer of 2014 until its opening in November 2016, Scott worked as a primary researcher for *Asylum: Out of the Shadows*, the newest exhibit at The History Museum at the Castle. The exhibit gives visitors an interactive look into the history of the Outagamie County Asylum for the Insane.

She first went to the museum as a freshman in *Introduction to Historical Methods*.

“They took us over there to go see what it was like in a museum. Through that, I started volunteering,” says Scott, who is, unsurprisingly, a history major. After volunteering at the museum for several months, Scott was asked if she wanted to work on an exhibit as an intern.

Traveling across the area for research, Scott spent more than two years combing through Wisconsin archives, receiving some academic credit from Lawrence along the way. “We started by looking at the newspapers from the 1800s in Appleton,” she says. “Then we started going to different archives.”

Taking research from Madison to Green Bay, the museum started putting together their newest project.

“The exhibit is built in a way where you’re supposed to feel like you’re walking around the asylum,” Scott explains. It also involves a phone app that features audio stories from the perspectives of people who worked or lived there at the time.

Since most of her work went into the text panels of the exhibit, these especially are a source of pride for Scott, who is now using this research in her *Senior Experience*. “It’s fun walking around and thinking, ‘I said that sentence!’” she says.



The History Museum at the Castle



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A LIFELONG DREAM ... AND A FIRST FOR LAWRENCE

History isn’t **Allison Holley’s** go-to category when it comes to playing her favorite game, the popular television program *Jeopardy!*. But, thanks to the show, she recently managed to *make* history.

The senior English and Spanish major from Racine, Wis., was one of only 15 students nationally selected for the 2017 college tournament, which was broadcast in mid-February. In the process, Holley became the first Lawrence student to compete in the 29-year history of the show’s annual two-week, \$100,000 college tournament.

Matched against contestants from Lehigh University and New York University in her quarterfinal match, Holley overcame a slow start to rack up \$9,000 heading into Final Jeopardy. With South America as the category, she added \$4,000 to her total for knowing Brazilia, Brazil,

was the capital city’s Latinized form of the name of its country. Her total of \$13,000 left her in second behind NYU’s Mohan Malhotra’s \$15,600.

Nine students advanced to the semifinals—the five quarterfinal winners and the next four highest non-winners. Holley was clinging to the fourth and final at-large spot until the week’s final match, when that game’s runner-up edged her out. She still received \$5,000 for her efforts.

“The best part of the whole experience was just being out there,” says Holley, who’s been watching *Jeopardy!* regularly since she was 9. “All of the people, all the contestants that I met were really nice, cool people. I could easily see myself being friends with all of them.”

Holley’s journey to the *Jeopardy!* studio in Culver City, Calif., started last September with a 50-question online test. She did

well enough to earn an invitation to Chicago for a November audition at a Michigan Avenue hotel conference room for a second written test—producers want contestants to prove they are as smart as their earlier online test—and a short mock version of the show.

“It was one long and hectic day, but just getting that far was awesome,” Holley says.

Back home, what she thought was a wrong number two weeks later turned out to be the call of a lifetime.

“Someone had left a voicemail, but I didn’t recognize the number,” says Holley, who was in a grocery store at the time. “I listened to it and had to stop dead in the aisle. The message said ‘Hi, this is Ryan from *Jeopardy!* I have your application.’ I definitely was not expecting that. I was smiling like an idiot I was so happy.”



STUDENT PROFILE EVELINA VANG '17

Major: Anthropology

Minor: Ethnic studies

Hometown: St. Paul

Evelina Vang's future plans are firmly rooted in her own path to this point. As a Hmong student who came to Lawrence through College Possible, a nonprofit college preparatory program, she hopes to work with students from underserved and underrepresented populations.

"I want to help people in any way, because as a first-generation college student, I know the hardships that come with uncertainty about the future and my family," she says. "It's not guaranteed that the work I want to do will bring change in a student's life, but it's important to be there and help them in areas such as education and guidance because kids are the future of the world."

She's already begun that work, participating in a host of volunteer opportunities through Lawrence's Volunteer & Community Service Center, including a program for area Hmong youth.

What's been your most memorable moment at Lawrence?

All of the times where I witnessed and felt love and empowerment in communities of friends and strangers on campus when times at Lawrence and the world were troubling. Connecting and having support from friends, strangers, faculty and staff are moments I'll remember and cherish because I've learned so much about who I am and what I can do to better the world with them by my side.

Which volunteer experiences have stuck with you the most?

I volunteer at a middle school program called HYPE (Hmong Youth Pride and Empowerment). I was a freshman when I started volunteering at HYPE. What I have enjoyed most is watching the students grow and seeing how unafraid they are to ask questions about school and life. I have found myself learning from them about what it means to be Hmong and proud, whether they realize it or not. They are smart and funny, and they give me strength to continue my journey.

What's the most interesting course you've taken at Lawrence?

Bizarrchaology (Anthropology 326). The course focused on mysterious and pseudo archaeology, which was both interesting and fun because we read about and discussed 'pasts' and how these 'pseudo pasts' were created.

What do you like to do outside of class?

I enjoy hanging out with my friends. I usually listen to music, and I like finding new artists or songs to listen to and sharing them with my friends. There are tons of great coffee shops in the area, so exploring new coffee shops with my friends has also been a great way to catch up and do some work outside of campus.



STUDENT PROFILE ILAN BLANCK '17

Major: Music performance (guitar) and music theory/composition

Hometown: Milwaukee

If you've seen a student band perform at Lawrence over the past five years, there's a decent chance Ilan Blanck was involved. Just how many bands is he in these days?

"Currently?" he clarifies. "It's hard to say. That are active in some way? Mmmm ... let's say five."

The zaniest of them is no doubt Porky's Groove Machine, a Lawrentian band originally founded as a trivia team for the 2011 edition of the Great Midwest Trivia Contest that Blanck describes as "Wisconsin's silliest intergalactic nerd-funk band." Among the highlights of his time with Porky's: winning a contest to open for the popular alternative rock band Guster in front of 2,000 people at the Old National Centre in Indianapolis.

"It's been the most fun I've had in my life, and we're just getting started."

Why did you choose Lawrence?

Broadly, I wasn't sure what my musical path was going to be—composition, music education, classical, jazz—and wasn't sure I wouldn't end up majoring in government or history. Lawrence seemed like the place that would offer the most flexibility in figuring that all out. More specifically, though, it was the faculty, hands down. Between a visit with my high school orchestra, lessons with the guitar professors and my audition, I had some really positive and inspiring interactions with faculty members. I'll always remember how it never took Fred Sturm more than 20 minutes to answer any of my emails.

What faculty members have made the biggest impact on you?

There have been so many. I've been lucky enough to spend time with faculty far outside of my academic path. However, two professors who I have been lucky to spend time with and who have shaped me and my views in more ways than I could explain are Julie McQuinn and Matt Turner. They teach in ways that push their students far enough outside of their preconceived notions about things as to break them.

What are your career aspirations?

I haven't yet given up on my dream of playing in a rock band for a living, though I'm preparing for the almost certain possibility that won't be the case. I think I would be happy doing any number of things, hopefully related to music, so I'll see where things take me. So far, almost nothing in the last five years has turned out the way I thought it would, and I've been lucky enough to have learned and seen so many exciting things that I would have never expected. So we'll see!

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT



SMART SKATERS

Ten Vikings were chosen for the NCHA All-Academic Team. That group was led by three-time selections Felix Henriksson '17 and Mattias Soderqvist '17. To be selected for the team, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore and have a minimum 3.3 grade point average. Also chosen were Ryan Eardley '17, Jake Roeper '18, Nick Felan '19, Justin Gregory '18, Lane King '18, Matt Montemurro '18, Tomas Vesely '19 and Greg Procopio '19. The 10 selections are the most for Lawrence on the All-Academic Team since 10 players were chosen after the 2006–07 season.

LAWRENCE HOCKEY PLAYER BLAKE ROUBOS BALANCES HIS BUSINESS WITH ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS

By Joe Vanden Acker, director of athletic media relations

Blake Roubos '17 is not related to famous high-wire walker Nik Wallenda, but Roubos' life has become a real balancing act. Like a Wallenda on ice, the Lawrence University hockey standout balanced his academic life with playing for the Vikings all while building a burgeoning business.

A senior forward from Niagara Falls, Ontario, Roubos is one of the founders of Drone Hub Media, a company still in its infancy but ascending rapidly toward what appears to be an unlimited ceiling.

"It's been a heavy balance, and it's been pretty stressful," Roubos says. "It's come so far and so fast."

Roubos partners with his younger brother, Bailey, to run Drone Hub Media, which started with a suggestion from their father. In the summer of 2015, Roubos' father proposed the boys use their drone to shoot video of some waterfront property for sale by a mutual friend in the real estate business. When the realtor said he would pay thousands of dollars for a finished video, the Roubos brothers were hooked.

"They put out a ballpark number for us, and we thought—we could do something with this," Roubos says.

In the nearly two years since, the company has added three videographers, including former Lawrence hockey player **Peter Emery '15**, two sales executives and current Lawrence hockey player **Austin Frank '18** as the company's marketing executive.

"We are booked solid and consistently hiring people to help grow our brand," Roubos says.

The company got its start by creating videos for million-dollar real estate properties in its strongholds of Toronto, Florida, southern California, Chicago and more recently, Atlanta. Roubos did a free video for an influential Atlanta real estate broker, and the floodgates opened.

"It had such an amazing effect that I had to go back the next week and do like 10 others," Roubos says. "I've been down there every week since."

An economics major with an interdisciplinary area of study in the Innovation and Entrepreneurship (I&E) program, Roubos has been on the road constantly. Fitting in classes and hockey practice has been a challenge.

"I find professors are pretty supportive, but I've had to strike a balance this year. It's hard to fail someone in entrepreneurship when they're an entrepreneur," Roubos says smiling.

The influence of the I&E program is heavy for Roubos, who finds that lessons learned and projects undertaken in the classroom pay off for his business.

"It was a catalyst. It gets your mind moving," he says. "I think the biggest thing is taking risk. As a true entrepreneur, you have to take risk. I thought a lot of those classes where you have to take risks and step out of your comfort zone."

That's music to the ears of Coordinator of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program Gary Vaughan.

"Our program talks about risk-reward. We're teaching an entrepreneurial mindset. Don't jump off the cliff, look first," says Vaughan, who says they often discuss the concept of mitigated risk. "Blake has recognized it with his action and his reaction to the action. There's a reward that comes with the risk."

With the business growing rapidly, Roubos came to terms with the fact that his hockey career was over. "I had it made up in my mind that I wasn't going to play," Roubos says. Instead, he worked with Lawrence coach Mike Szkodzinski and played in all 25 games this past season, scoring nine goals and picking up nine assists for 18 points.

"It was not only a teaching experience for the team, it was a learning experience for the coaching staff as well," Szkodzinski says. "It was very rewarding to watch Blake grow and plan ahead. This will allow us to help others do the same as we move forward."

While scoring goals may be in Roubos' past, goals for Drone Hub Media are the only thing on his mind. Drone Hub Media cut its teeth on real estate, but the company has expanded into different areas. Drone Hub Media has done work for corporate clients like Marriott and golf courses like Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point, to name a few.

"Once we get into one realm, the next door opens," says Roubos, adding he hopes the new staff members will allow him to shift focus. "We (Blake and Bailey) want to transition from doing video work to just running the company."

Vaughan knows the I&E program helped push Roubos into making Drone Hub Media a thriving business, but it is what else Roubos has learned at Lawrence that will serve him in the future.

"They understand the formula and can take that and apply it to Drone Hub or whatever they are doing," says Vaughan, who has been working on campus since 2009.

"Down the road, two, three years from now, that's when the liberal arts kicks in," he continues. "Our students know how to learn ... organizational agility, the ability to function and survive in an 'organization.' Our students have all the tools to raise their hand and say, 'I can do that.'" ■



Lawrence's Abhishek Venkatesh '20 twists around Grinnell's Vinny Curta during a Midwest Conference game at Alexander Gymnasium on Dec. 10. Grinnell pulled out a 133-125 overtime victory.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

It was a season of ups and downs for the Vikings, who narrowly missed a berth in the Midwest Conference Tournament.

Lawrence put together a four-game win streak in January to jump into the race for the four-team MWC Tournament, but a loss on the final day of the season at Lake Forest eliminated the Vikings. Lawrence finished fifth in the conference with a 10-8 record that included season sweeps over Illinois College, Knox, Monmouth and Beloit. Lawrence was the only team in the league to finish higher in the standings than was predicted in the preseason coaches' poll. The Vikings were chosen to finish eighth.

Senior swingman **Peter Winslow '17** was honored during the season as the MWC Player of the Week after a blistering two-game shooting stretch that saw him connect on 76.9 percent of his 3-pointers.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Vikings picked up a pair of victories to start the season, but injuries mounted throughout the campaign as Lawrence (2-21) struggled to the finish.

Lawrence opened the season with a 61-51 victory over Maranatha Baptist as **Nicole Cummins '18** scored a career-high 15 points. The Vikings then edged Marian (Wis.) in dramatic fashion as **Lauren Deveikis '18** hit a 3-pointer with 4.2 seconds left to lift Lawrence to a 51-48 victory.



Lawrence's Lauren Deveikis '18 is hugged by Natalie Kramer '18 after hitting the game-winning 3-pointer in the final seconds of a 51-48 victory over Marian University at Alexander Gymnasium.

HOCKEY

A bevy of one-goal losses spelled doom for the Vikings as Lawrence missed the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs for the first time. Lawrence finished just 2-8 in one-goal games as the Vikings went 6-16-3 overall.

Rookie goaltender **Evan Cline '20** was chosen for the NCHA All-Freshmen Team after an outstanding season. Cline had just a 3-7-3 record, but he tied the Lawrence season record with a .924 save percentage and had the third-best season goals against average at 2.63.

Lawrence's biggest win of the season was a 5-3 victory over sixth-ranked Augsburg. The Auggies are the second-highest ranked opponent Lawrence has ever beaten.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Lawrence capped a fine season with the women taking second and the men fourth at the Midwest Conference Championships at Grinnell.

The Lawrence women grabbed the runner-up spot with a bevy of consistently high finishes. **Emmi Zheng '19** posted a pair of second-place finishes to pace the Vikings. She was second in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:28.35 and second in the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.49. **Danielle Millin '17** also grabbed a second-place finish in the 50 freestyle in 24.60 seconds.



Lawrence goaltender Evan Cline '20 makes the glove save off the shot from Northland's Kyle Salmon (2) while defenseman Austin Frank '21 closes in during a Northern Collegiate Hockey Association game at the Appleton Family Ice Center on Feb. 11. Lawrence won the game 6-5 in overtime.

The women's 200 freestyle relay team broke the 20-year-old Lawrence record and took third with a time of 1:40.06. The team of **Paige Witter '17, Danielle Millin '17, Eryn Blagg '18** and **Bridget Duero '20** topped the old mark of 1:41.10 set in 1997.

Both Lawrence squads were named Scholar All-America Teams by the College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America. To be eligible for the award, a team must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average for the 2016 fall term. The Lawrence women, honored for the third consecutive year, posted a 3.47 grade point average and the men were at 3.01.

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Lawrence won a pair of individual Midwest Conference titles at the league's championships to cap the indoor season. Rookie **Noah Shea '20** and distance standout **Josh Janusiak '19** both captured championships for the Vikings.

Shea leaped to the title in the triple jump and was named the conference's Newcomer of the Year. Shea uncorked his longest jump of the season at 44 feet 4 inches to win the title by more than nine inches. Janusiak charged to the win in the 5,000 meters in 15:18.88 and won by nearly



Lawrence swimmers cheer on a teammate during the 400-yard freestyle relay in the Vikings' dual meet with Illinois Tech at Boldt Natatorium on Jan. 14.

12 seconds. **Hannah Kinzer '18** grabbed all-conference honors in the women's 5,000 as she raced to third place in 18:54.54.

Another rookie, **Will Nichols '20**, broke the Lawrence record in the 200 meters at the UW-Oshkosh Titan Challenge. Nichols blazed to a time of 22.81 seconds, breaking the record of 23.06 set by **Adrell Bullock '07**.

FENCING

Lawrence capped its season by placing third in the team competition at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships. The Lawrence men and women both took fifth place and that translated into third in the combined team standings. Men's foil led the way by placing third, and on the women's side, epee and sabre both took fifth.

Nathan Schlesinger '19 and **Joe Davis '18** both finished sixth during the individual competition at the league championships. Schlesinger, competing in foil, won three bouts and reached the quarterfinals. Competing in sabre, Davis also picked off three victories before falling in the quarterfinals.

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Milwaukee-Downer

Compiled and submitted by **Betty Heistadt Barrett M-D'55**

It was a pleasure editing notes from Downer alumnae, many crediting their years at Downer for much in their lives. We have had interesting lives. I apologize if I cut your note as I try to meet Lawrence space needs.

Roylee Ross Pflughoeft M-D'45 lives at Harwood Place in Wauwatosa and still enjoys quilting and playing bridge.

Sue Son Esser M-D'46 sends greetings to other MDC classmates. “How nice to have our heritage preserved at Lawrence!”

Phyllis Greene M-D'47 has a happy country life (Granville, Ohio) with her animal family of chocolate Labrador retrievers and black cats. Her many birthdays are celebrated with family trips. For 90, they traveled from Berlin to Prague. For 91, she met family in Athens to cruise to Venice. This year will be a river cruise in Portugal and Spain. Anticipation is part of the joy.

Dr. Suzanne Sims Forrest M-D'48 will see a special performance in celebration of her 90th birthday. Her mother, Ilona de Borhegi M-D'17, wrote and produced an operetta during her student years. Suzanne's daughter prepared a performance for her mother in Ajijic, Mexico, where she retired. The operetta, based on Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass* and named *The Other Side of the Question*, will come alive again after 100 years, in appreciation of the years mother and daughter spent at Downer.

Ruth Mehring Bernat M-D'49 at 91 moved from Arizona to Waynesville, N.C., last year to live with a daughter at a former home. After 20 years in the Arizona desert, she finds the temperature and humidity hard to get used to. She stays busy doing half of the housework and calls herself a cut-up who sews and sews. She continues to make and sell special mitts for the microwave that she invented. She stays in touch with Kikue Rich from her class.

Natalie Evers Waldo M-D'51 lives in Kenosha, Wis. She has trouble walking, but knits squares for hospitalized servicemen's bedding and works on tops for quilts at church. She is interested in genealogy, wrote one book and is working on a second. She corresponded with classmate Ruthie, but plans to meet didn't happen. Time at Downer holds precious memories.

Nancy Chadbourne Maze M-D'52, Peru, Ill., liked having an “all-girls” school, crew, field trips and German class. She keeps in touch with Bobbie Moon and Margaret Wier.

Melodine Stewart Davis M-D'53 had an up and down year in Edina, Minn. Her son was diagnosed with lung cancer, but thanks be to God, he is now cancer-free. She doesn't travel anymore as it's too difficult.

Janet Anderson Buskey's M-D'55 husband John donated her four years of *Cumtux* to the Downer archives.

Betty Heistad Barrett M-D'55 says her grandchildren keep her busy with high school and college graduations. She made visits to children and grandchildren in New York; Amherst, Mass.; Spartanburg, S.C.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Cincinnati; and Charleston and Huntington, W.Va.

Four months in Naples, Fla., which is where she is now. A week at Chautauqua, N.Y. Reunion in Appleton. Lots of good times with friends, and she's still working with homeless people.

Ruth Legler Qualich M-D'55 and Angelo enjoy their dual life in Florida and Wisconsin. Grandchildren, ages 10 to 15, overnight have fun together, fishing, going to the zoo and museums, eating Culver's frozen custard. Playing “Chicken Foot Dominoes” is a must. Florida involvement includes attending the Sarasota Orchestra, Asolo Theater, First United Methodist Church in Bradenton, AAUW, tutoring at Just For Girls Alternative School, a gourmet dinner group and a book discussion group. She sings in the choir and rings in the handbell choir. They love attending Reunion weekend at Lawrence with Downer and Lawrence friends and hope to see many of you there.

Marlene Crupi Widen, M-D'55 says she and Len miss those who could not attend Reunion, but are SO pleased to see the recognition by staff and alumni that Milwaukee-Downer is alive and well at Lawrence. A group toured the Chapman Miller home in Milwaukee, after an invitation from Mary Read, a descendant of Alice Chapman.

Joanne Bondi Kedzie M-D'55 says her large family will welcome great-grand No. 7 and a granddaughter-in-law, with a wedding in San Diego. Four grands in college, one abroad in Ireland, one in law school in Omaha after seven years in the Navy, another in Air Force ROTC in Omaha, and the fourth in California. Three grands are in the D.C. area. One high school graduation coming up, two in high school, one in junior high and one in middle school—all taller than her. Daughters are in South Dakota and Anaheim, Calif., Joanne's home. She's fine, enjoys travel, volunteering and friends and family.

Peggy Muhs Crawford M-D'55 has a new tornado shelter at home from husband John. She has done well after hip replacement. She and John will celebrate their 60th anniversary cruising China, Japan and Korea on the Queen Mary.

Ann Kissinger Beringer M-D'55 has a lovely view of the Rocky Mountains from her apartment in Boulder, Colo. She has grandchildren at the University of Washington, Dartmouth and Tulane.

Dorothy Zygmunt Drown M-D'55 is recovering well from her auto accident. She still uses a walker, but the wheelchair is used much less. She and Bob have their beautiful avocado farm and home up for sale in Bonsall, Calif.

Patricia Leszkiewicz Brinkman M-D'56 Madison, Wis., says she is “moving and doing” with her passion for traveling increasing each year. Her latest trip was to Vietnam, where she visited the school in Hanoi, Concordia, for which her husband raised money. Her first grandchildren graduate high school this year, one a National Merit Scholar.

Audrey Schumacher Moe M-D'56 is busy with community activities in Desert Hot Springs, Calif., where she and Court have lived since 2001. She works with the Historical Society and other Coachella Valley organizations: the Opera Guild, Philharmonic, Pen Women and Writers Guild. Along with *Beachwalk*, *Desertwalk*, *Celebrities in Hiding* and *Postcards from the Desert*, she worked on the *Arcadia History of Desert Hot Springs*. They will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary this June, so far in good health. Their 100-acre property has natural hot mineral water great for soaking. Along with their house, gardens and small lake, they have a small pioneer town (false fronts on buildings) used for picnics, parties and photo shoots. August is spent in the Big Bear Mountains.

Rosemary Pint Paschke M-D'58, Brookfield, Wis., has been married to Bill for 58 years. Their four sons live close by with spouses and eight grandchildren 28 to 12 years old. She works part time as a research tech in biochemistry at the Medical College of Wisconsin, 35 years for the same doctor. Her husband does some arch work but spends most of his time painting water colors.

Lorene Metzler Damewood M-D'59 moved from a four-level house in Olathe to a one-level with basement in Shawnee, Kan. She will spend 2017 working to get her game Willy Words on the market. Both sons live nearby, and her daughters live in central Florida and New York City. She is active with progressive groups to return Kansas to a state of sanity rather than the “experiment” they are currently living.

Sharon Olson MacCallum M-D'59, Topsham, Maine, still teaches private voice lessons, this year with students reduced more than half. The extra time is spent on walks and bike rides. One of her students has a NYC agent, doing well as she auditions for major opera companies. As she turns 80 this year, she is blessed

with good health and energy and believes her health and attitude were aided through her training at Downer and a life in music.

Rev. Nancy A. Richards M-D'59 writes that last March she moved to Brookdale, a retirement community in St. Peters, Mo.

Prudence Schmidt Meyer M-D'60, Minneapolis, writes that classmate Velta Pukite Grauze died in Minneapolis early in 2016.

MJ Jones M-D'60, Madison, Wis., and retired, was happy to receive a copy of a three-page Christmas letter from Marge Irvin. MJ sent this remembrance: “I wasn't a music major, but had her for music appreciation or some such required course. I have an unusual (I think) memory of her. As the truly strong teacher she was, she let me smoke while she chewed me out for cutting class too often. I quit smoking long ago, as did she, but it was a simple kindness to a scared, immature kid. It was also a lesson I tried to carry with me through my own teaching career.”

Marjorie Irvin, beloved faculty member at Downer and Lawrence, is in Macomb, Ill., near her nieces, in assisted living, doing well after some health problems. She reads, plays bridge, enjoys visits from students and has discovered through *Hamilton* the joys of hip-hop.

Barbara L. Borns M-D'62, reports she is healthy and active in Black Earth, Wis., keeping up their land/garden, native and restored prairies, and veggie garden. She works with Native American projects, including the Women's Water Symposium in August at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa reservation, emphasizing the importance of natural resources. They will install solar panels to provide much of their energy. She is on the boards of directors of two groups: the Black Earth Creek Watershed Association and Planetwalk, and recently completed nine years on the Northwest Dane Senior Services board.

Dr. Carolyn King Stephens M-D'62 and John will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary in 2017. Three of their four children are “prep school” teachers, at Mercersburg Academy, Fort Worth Country Day and Chicago Latin. The fourth is a “robber baron” in Woodland Hills, Calif., selling Wisconsin-made generators on the West Coast. One son and one daughter graduated from Lawrence. Carolyn's article on the geography and setting of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* (c. 1428) is featured in *Kenilworth History*, 2017, the journal of the Kenilworth History and Archaeology Society in the UK.

Anita Beltran Moore M-D'63 celebrated her 50th anniversary in San Antonio, Texas. In June they attended daughter Micki's retirement on the USS Missouri after 28 years in the Army as a logistician with tours in Korea; Fort Hood, Texas; Germany; Colorado School of Mines (engineering master's); West Point; Pentagon; Hawaii; and two Iraq tours with Stryker Brigades from Fort Lewis-McChord, Wash. The presiding officer, Gen. Robert K. Brown, U.S. Army Pacific commander, was

her commander in Mosul. Anita and Bill are lifetime members and volunteers for the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, which raises millions of dollars for scholarships.

Jane Kerr Stenson M-D'63, Mineral Point, Wis., published her fourth book, *Storytelling: Strategies for the K-5 Classroom*. She was honored with the Distinguished National Service Award from the National Storytelling Network to “forward storytelling in North America.”

Nan Tully Willett M-D'66, Aurora, Colo., just retired from a wonderful OT career! An OT is always an OT, though! She will volunteer at animal shelter, church and elementary school. She came late to the status of grandmotherhood with boy/girl twins in April 2015 and a granddaughter, September 2015. The twins live very close, and the other granddaughter lives in California. She loves the Denver metro area, where the sun shines most days and snow stays in the mountains! Vacation time is spent exploring New Mexico. She spent eight days in Cuba in September 2016. She recommends you go before the beautiful island is overrun by more Americans. 2017 marks the centennial of OT as a profession. Although there were only three women in her OT graduating class, she was better prepared than most, even those coming out of school now.

Lawrence Class of '62

Compiled and submitted by **Mary Beecher Price**

These notes give updates from our 50th Reunion; now as then, we seem to be noting similar themes—less the exploits of youth, more the kindness and pleasure of friendship, travel, keeping fit, volunteering (a lot of good energy is going into communities, nonprofits, sharing our lifetime's wisdom). We enjoy music, reading, gatherings with family, friends and longtime Lawrence connections. Kids or no kids, retired with joy or a little wistfully, downsizing, new hobbies, whatever we are doing, we have new appreciation for this life stage, and for each other.

Tom and **Carol (McAninch '63) Baer** live in Chapel Hill, N.C., where they worked and raised family. Farflung kids now take them to Vancouver, California and Atlanta, as well as midpoint gatherings in New Hampshire, Southern France and Boulder, Colo. Tom taught a Björklunden seminar on *How We Know What We Know*, comprising a one-week focus on astronomy, geology, chemistry and biology. “Björklunden is a beautiful and wonderfully relaxing place that attracts interesting and congenial people.”

Travel took **Nancy Bodenstein** to Sarasota, Fla., where she stayed with friends and caught up with Professor Ted Rehl at his retirement residence. While she was there, he played a “celebration concert” in the residence's refurbished recital hall, but bad weather prevented her attending. Still, it was a “bucket list” trip and nice reunion.

David Bray still performs surgery about once a week and keeps a vigorous daily exercise schedule. His routine includes a Friday run in the soft sand of Manhattan Beach, Calif. Two of his children have graduated from college; another is a hopeful applicant to Lawrence. He and his wife have been married 30 years; she continues to grow a successful public relations business. They look forward to joining the Reunion in June.

Bonnie Glidden Buchanan says she and **Bob** enjoy being “next door neighbors of LU, relishing access to its amenities (and lattes in the café!).” Their children are scattered from Oregon to Vermont; one daughter and husband live nearby in Appleton. Five grandchildren as well as an impressive list of interests and hobbies keep them busy. Travel, especially to Scotland, and Bonnie’s research on a still-existing literary study club in Appleton (founded 1881), keep them engaged.

Avid travellers and skiers, **Mary Hamilton Burns** and her husband, Jim, have adjusted their adventures for health reasons. Still, last fall they enjoyed a trip up the west coast to California with a visit with **Nancy Edwards** and her new husband, Larry Heald, in Portland, Ore. Ideas for downsizing led to their planning a move to Taos from their “beautiful, but remote, location.” All is not lost, however. Children and grandchildren nearby offer fun and joy, and many friends are in the same boat. That boat is getting crowded, but we’re enjoying the ride.”

Linda Mayhew Carey is busy with volunteer work in Ephraim, Wis., singing in two choirs and taking bridge and genealogy classes. She gives historical tours, writes a blog and volunteers for the town’s Historical Foundation. She’s proud of becoming a great-grandmother! “Retirement is exhausting, but so much fun!”

Arts and culture, Milwaukee and Chicago Symphony orchestras and master gardening keep **James D. Cook** and Henry, his partner of 46 years, entertained and busy. “We are enjoying life, and taking things easier.” Looking back, James cites fond memories of time at LU and the valuable experience it gave him. He was a 50th reunioner and looks forward to the 55th in June.

Vinje Dahl left Lawrence for NYU, then went to Europe, spending two years in Sweden. He joined the Army in ’64; once back in civilian life, he began selling cars in Pennsylvania, then New York, settling in Davenport, Iowa. He built car businesses in the region, finally retiring in 2012, when he turned them over to his son and stepson. He and Suzanne have been married 30 years and share a passion for art collecting, travel and public service. Vinje has volunteered for several agencies, including the Safer Foundation, which supports ex-offenders.

Gail Glienke Denker and her husband, Merle, split their year between Batavia, Ill., and Palm Desert, Calif. Despite health issues they find time to keep up with friends and are “looking forward to a great year in 2017.” They’re eager to catch up with Lawrentians at Reunion.

A relatively short move took **Sarah Moyer DePeaux** and her husband, Lloyd, to Laguna Woods, Calif., to a 55+ living community. They continue activities they’ve

long pursued; for her, “a special reading intervention program at a small private school.” They’re unable to attend Reunion but send thoughts and prayers to the Class of ’62.

After living in Brunswick, Maine from 2011-2015, **Nancy Edwards Smith** chose to return to Oregon following the death of her husband, Deke Smith. Many aspects of life in a small New England college town were compelling, but ultimately the Pacific Northwest drew her back. She is “happily remarried to Lawrence Heald, a Bowdoin alumnus” (’62) with Wisconsin and even Lawrence ties. Reunion dates conflict, preventing their coming to LU’s Reunion in June, but she sends warm greetings to the Class of ’62

Tucson, Ariz., is home to **Mary Schindel Harris** and her husband, **Mike ’60**. Before retiring, she served as pastor to two congregations. She still serves churches needing to cover a vacancy. Mike is a Stephen’s Minister and keeps up with writing and a men’s group. Summers they travel—on a recent trip overseas with a granddaughter they visited Amsterdam and Paris to celebrate Mary’s 75th birthday. Both their sons are faculty in higher education, one nearby at the University of Arizona.

Music is central to **Laurine Zautner Jannusch’s** life; the young people she teaches keep her “happy and feeling useful.” She teaches some 30 piano students and occasionally plays organ for an area church.

David McIntyre and his wife, Barbara, live for the winter months on a South Carolina barrier island—a nature preserve accessible only by boat. Summers, they drive north to their log cabin on Lake Superior, where they garden, hike and enjoy cooler weather. Both very active: they ski, bike, play some tennis and, of course, Dave fishes!

Ten years ago, **Carol Chmiel McOlash** says she’d have written about ski trips and scuba diving or eating in the London pub Charles Dickens preferred. “Life is more subdued now”: book clubs, volunteering, staying in touch with friends, the gym. Recently she has explored historic sites in Louisville and Mary Todd Lincoln’s home in Lexington, Ky. Nevertheless, she says, “I am still open for more adventures!”

After 50 years of teaching, researching and writing at Rochester, **Dick Niemi** retired last June. Both he and his wife have family from Appleton and other parts of Wisconsin and Illinois, so they moved back after 55 years. “We’re enjoying our new home and lifestyle.” That includes time to read, catch up on genealogy work started years ago and bike daily. Their four children and four grandchildren are spread out across the country, inspiring travel. During his last years of work, Dick travelled extensively (to some 60 countries), but “I’m not done yet.”

Ann Nordeen Henry “continues to greatly enjoy my five granddaughters—all of whom live very nearby, to travel to faraway places and to remain involved in my San Francisco neighborhood issues such as design review, and more than ever, political action!”

Mary Plischounig O’Flyng and **Dennis O’Flyng** agree that “attending Lawrence was one of the best decisions of our lives.” They met senior year, and between them, went on to teach their major fields of anthropology, psychology and English for more than 50 years. Three children, one an LU graduate, all studied liberal arts. Travel, life in Wausau, and outside interests in writing (Denny) and watercolor painting (Mary) keep them busy. Children and two of their grandchildren live nearby. Summers find them in their cabin in the woods, enjoying annual reunions with Lawrence friends from years ago.

“Still retired,” **Jo Petersen** says, though she and her husband, Stan, pursue a wide variety of interests. Jo is active in the League of Women Voters, sings in two choirs, and periodically scores New York music teacher and school principal certification examinations. She recently began helping the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. Travel highlights have been trips to Scandinavia and later to China with Lawrence friends, **Bonnie Rock** and her husband and **Mary and Denny O’Flyng**. Besides visiting grandchildren in Berkeley, Calif., they treasure summertime company of families and friends at their cottage near Escanaba, Mich.

Retirement for **Rick** and **Mary Price** made time to catch up with old friends from Rick’s first job and forge new friendships near home at the University of Michigan. Arts and cultural events in the area provide a postgraduate education, from UM’s many offerings to annual trips to Stratford, Ontario. Bike trips in south and east Europe, and closer to home on Southeast Michigan trails, have kept them reasonably fit. Two of their children teach in higher education (Ohio State and Chicago’s School of the Art Institute) and one son is a neuroscientist with Genentech. Two grandkids draw them to Berkeley, Calif., regularly, helping to keep them “young.”

Though she transferred to Northwestern after one year, **Bonnie Brown Rock** fondly remembers *Freshman Studies* and Professors Chaney and Cloak. More recently, travel with former LU classmates and visits to Door County, Florida, Chicago, Santa Fe, N.M., Spring Green, Wis. and the Jersey Shore have kept those friendships current. After 50 years in Salt Lake City, Utah, Bonnie and Jim, her husband, moved permanently to Sister Bay, Wis. They divide living between Scandia Village in winter and their cottage—a log barn moved by her grandparents from Ellison Bay to the Ephraim shore in the 1920s—in summer. Being permanent residents allows them to explore area cultural events and has expanded their circle of friends.

Mechanicsburg, Pa., has been home to **Cynthia Hutchinson Stone** and her husband, Tom, for nearly 38 years. Summers they return to a lake home in southern Wisconsin. Both are now “in slow-down mode, becoming seasoned citizens of leisure.” Their five grandchildren range in age from kindergarten to college and postcollege. Their “family is rounded out by two bichon frise rescue dogs.”

To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary (2015), **Bruce Thoms** and his wife put on two highly successful concerts to benefit two local Colorado charities. Flushed with that success, they repeated a year later, selling out

three concerts! “Who thought we could be impresarios at our advanced age! Still rockin’ at age 70+!”

Scott Vaughn retired 16 years ago to Red Wing, Minn., to be near two of his children, four of his five grandchildren and his partner, Lauri. He has been involved in community, writing for the county historical society, serving on the library board and the local food shelf. “Two years ago I nearly quit golf, but once I made the decision to hit from the same tee box as Lauri, [I was] all in.” Last summer they golfed with **Bonnie Buchanan** and her caddy, **Bob**. The June Reunion is in their plans.

Bob Waterman and his wife moved to Langley on Whidbey Island, north of Seattle, when he retired from teaching at the University of New Mexico. Their four children live in the area, so they can watch grandkids grow and develop. Since “retirement” Bob has devoted his time to a variety of civic and historical efforts: a planning board and city council, the local historic preservation commission and the historical society. He is known as the “local historian,” which amuses him, after a career of teaching anatomy to medical students. Years ago Bob visited Lawrence when their oldest daughter spent a year in the Conservatory.

In the years since retiring, **Alex Wilde** and his wife, Anne, have returned to LU for two periods when Alex was Scarff Visiting Professor. Both continue to do research and writing on Latin America, human rights and transitional justice. They divide their time between the States, France and Latin America, and recently have left an apartment in Paris for Bordeaux, where Anne has lots of family. “Children Katrin and Christopher and grandson Luke remain West Coasters; thanks be to Skype!”

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Compiled and submitted by Marcia Rogers Hunter

The 50th Reunion is June 15–18, 2017. Now is the time to make travel plans and contact classmates to encourage them to attend the big event. To whet your appetite for reconnecting, here are some news tidbits from the Class of ’67. Thanks to all who responded—more of your info will be published in the upcoming *Ariel Reprise*.

Rich Agness, a clay artist for 25 years, is still enjoying his work. Also advisor to the LU Delts, Rich says, “Working with younger people is very rewarding, challenging and, I’d like to think, keeps me younger than I am.”

Sid Ayabe sends his *aloha* to classmates and hopes this Reunion will be as good as the 40th. Finally retired after 43 years with his law firm, Sid is traveling the world, working with nonprofits and serving on the LU President’s Advisory Council.

For the Reunion, **Bill Brehm** is organizing a display of creative work by the Class of ’67: books, art, recordings, performances, buildings, discoveries, inventions, awards, etc., that can be displayed physically or as images or digital videos. *The number of your grandchildren doesn’t count unless they are clones or there are over 100 of*

them. Bill will bring “a book or painting, unless I can finally get my antigravity machine to work.” Please send items in advance to brehmint@gmail.com.

Sue Zimmerman Brown sends greetings from the beautiful Black Hills, where she and her husband work as development directors for the South Dakota Parks & Wildlife Foundation and enjoy their grandchildren. She writes, “My degree from Lawrence has opened doors and established credibility.” Their 50th anniversary coincides with the Reunion, so they probably won’t make it.

Joanna Morton Case is retired from her great job as library director in Mystic, Conn. She volunteers as local history librarian, surveyor of cemeteries, Find-A-Grave photographer and memorial creator, and veterinary hospital “cat lover.” With her life partner, Les, she recently expanded their pottery business, Mystic Clay Art.

Suzanne Des Isles Deitrich and **Wayne H. Deitrich P’96 ’94 ’91** have come home to Neenah, Wis.—after 28 years in Georgia—to be closer to family. They are “upright, mobile and enjoying the community, including diverse cultural/recreational opportunities, less traffic and four distinct seasons,” and will be at Reunion.

Mary Bennison Fleishman enjoys a busy social and volunteer life, as well as riding/teaching dressage. She and her husband raised two children, both married, each with one grandchild to spoil. In her past, Mary was the first woman to sell wine in San Francisco and also held a church staff position for many years. A true Renaissance woman!

Since **Anne Stuart Galli** and her husband moved from Boston to California in ’99, Anne retired and became an active volunteer, working with Stanford Internationals, growing fruit in the neighborhood, assisting with local emergency preparedness, taking citizenship seriously and working to find housing for the homeless. She’ll be at the Reunion.

Barry Garley and his wife have lived in Bend, Ore., since 1999 when it became apparent that neither of their daughters was ever coming back to the “flatlands.” He continued to practice law in Oregon until retirement in 2008. Now being near family and mountains, Barry says he’s “never been happier—or calmer.”

Doug Giffin says he is “Retired not tired! Two-week trip to China last October—looking forward to a Mekong cruise through Cambodia and Vietnam in November.” He restores and rides his vintage Britage motorcycles, as well as riding his H-D. Will he arrive at Reunion on a Hog?

Andy Gilboy lives in D.C. with a second home in Senegal he shares with a Senegalese family—“the weather’s great, the beach is close, food is fabulous and life is peaceful.” He says, “I still value how the Lawrence experience prepared me for my life in so many ways.”

Stephen Good and **Lynn Brindle Good ’68** are educators and travelers: Stephen has taught for 49 years, including junior high math and part time at UW–Manitowoc; Lynn’s still working for Head Start. “We have traveled with a group of friends for about 11 years and

will be going to Nice and Dublin in the spring,” writes Stephen.

Margy Esterline Gray has had significant life changes since her husband, **David Gray ’66**, passed away unexpectedly in 2015. She says, “I have adjusted, by necessity. Some Lawrence friends have been terrific support, as have many others.” Margy is now retired from her education career—teaching and administering in K-12 schools and university—and has time to volunteer and travel. She attended Dave’s Reunion last June and hopes to get to ours this year.

Dave Gregerson and **Jane Paulson Gregerson ’69** hope to see many classmates at the Reunion. Dave is still practicing law at this “late age,” saying he “enjoys most days and finds the work stimulating.” He finds time for fun reading, squash, golf, bridge, travel and family, while work winds down.

Joe Haroutunian and **Gay Burrage Haroutunian** live in Maine, where Gay is a pediatric speech/language pathologist and board member of the Maine Association for Mental Health. She is doing well with her second artificial aortic valve. Joe is a tennis pro, coaches high school tennis and golf and continues to paint.

Chris Kaufman says, “Recent events have motivated me to be more active,” leading to her work with refugee relocation, seniors, kids and sexual abuse victims. She has a satisfying healing touch practice and plays upright bass in a folk/Celtic/Appalachian/blues/Dylan/Texas waltz band. She is grateful every day!

Bob Krohn and his spouse, Linda, enjoy retirement: Wisconsin Badger games, Chicago theater, not to mention Galapagos Islands, Asia, Canada, National Parks, Europe and more. They also “donate time and what energy we have left” to community activities and 13 very active grandchildren.

Jonathan Lustig writes, “After a rewarding career as a middle school counselor, I’m now enjoying that morning cup of coffee, view of my pond, strolls into town, leisurely lunch with a book or friends, movies and theater, excursions and travel.” He remembers the outstanding professors and good friends at LU—“my best to you all!”

Gerry Max has had a most interesting life, supporting his writing by teaching in college. He has published about 30 articles and the book *Horizon Chasers*, about adventure traveler Richard Halliburton; has traveled extensively; received several study grants; worked for the World Bank; and collects and appraises rare books.

Jim McNamee and his wife, Sue, have four grandchildren, with another on the way in May. They say, “We travel a lot and have added about 15 countries to our list in the last two years. Our favorite place is still Colorado, where we have lived since 1975.”

Judith Lee McNatt retired from Fordham Law School as assistant dean and began working at Sarah Lawrence College, just down the street from home. She loves her work for the dean of the college, as well as European travels with her daughter. Judith wishes “everyone a healthy, happy and productive 2017.”

Dinny Barshell Nemacheck and **Ned K. Nemacheck '66** celebrate 50 years of marriage this year, so Dinny says, “You know how young (and naive) we were on our wedding day!” Dinny and Ned, blessed with two children and three grandchildren, recently moved from Wisconsin to California to be closer to family, but they are still huge Packer fans.

Larry Olsen and **Toni Weller Olsen '69** are enjoying life in Reno, Nev., after 42 years in Florida, where Larry worked as an oceanographer, environmental scientist and adjunct college teacher. Now Larry says he can walk a few steps to a pond or marsh, a few blocks to the desert and a short car trip to the mountains. So many things to do.

Tim Parker and his wife have been married for 34 years, have four grown children and five grandchildren, and have gratefully accepted all of life’s experiences. The all-around education at Lawrence continues to be a cornerstone of Tim’s life. Tim has worked for himself in medical/dental consulting/ownership and is trying to retire.

Lee Galda Pellegrini likes being retired and a grandmother (two and counting!), with a bit of writing and school volunteering to keep her happy. Lee is chairing the Reunion, so she will definitely be there and looks forward to seeing “old” friends and hopes “the print on the nametags will be big and bold!” (*Lee, you’re in charge—make it happen!*)

George Peltier and **Claudia Peltier P’92** plan to attend the Reunion now that George has retired from his medical practice. Life is good: six grandchildren, a daughter who completed the world championship Ironman, three string quartets (violin), the Minnetonka Symphony and beekeeping. George says, “Claudia came out of a serious illness in 2012 wanting to dance, so we take regular ballroom lessons.”

David Pflieger is contentedly retired.

Lois Beck Rath and **Ed Rath '66** will celebrate their 50th anniversary this June and get to the Reunion. Retirement interests include travel, music, volunteer work, hobbies and time with grandsons. A few of Lois’ “favorite memories of Lawrence (besides the great academic classes and friendships) are Ormsby (best dorm ever), convocations, concerts, practice rooms at the Con, ice skating by Ormsby and Sabin House our senior year.”

Steve Sedgwick and his wife, Carol, retired and moved to North Carolina, where they never get tired of looking at the mountains and being close to grandchildren. Steve keeps active with a bike club, Recorder Society, Democratic Party and a homeless mission, and occasionally subs for Episcopal clergy. He is looking forward to the Reunion.

Char Nelson Singleton serves as a trustee of Lawrence University, chairing the development committee as well as the emerging campaign. Char’s current interests include “gardening (dirty hands), reading historical fiction, biking, Europe vintage car racing with her husband and fly fishing.” Grandparenting is their favorite pastime.

Percy Smerek sees irony in the fact that he has lived for 10 years in Stonewall, Texas, home of LBJ, about whom he gave three uncomplimentary speeches while at LU. He writes, “Health is very good. Still get out and play a bit of disc golf. Would love to have folks follow my comments on the Christian life on Thursdays at percysmerek@wildblue.net.”

Barbara Martin Smith plans to attend the Reunion and longs to catch up with friends. However, her best laid plans may change due to the anticipated birth of a second grandson, late June, in Shanghai, China. “With luck, I will be able to do both,” writes Barbara.

Rolf Swensen is closing in on retirement, after more than 26 years at Queens College Libraries, City University of New York. Now, after 49 years of research and writing, he’s working on a monograph about the Christian Science movement in the United States from its origins to 1925. “Hello to everyone! Lawrence was and is great!”

Sue Campbell Trimble reports that the years at Lawrence gave her a “fondness for academic life,” and she ended up teaching at a southern university for 20 years. Now retired, Sue continues to learn and travel on Road Scholar (formerly Elder Hostel) trips, which are “great fun.”

John Whipple says, “Reaching Social Security age was a shock, and I retired my hockey gear when I couldn’t keep up with teammates. My mother died of old age last year, and I attended five funerals—not to mention the election, which felt like radical change.” He still enjoys working and playing afterwards: squash, sailing, traveling with his wife, Tish, and hip-hop dancing. John’s next goal is to make the perfect table lamp.

’69

Compiled and submitted by Susan Voss Pappas

After 36 years as a band director in Mequon, Wis., **Jack Barta** is enjoying retirement. He lives in Cedarburg, Wis., and is a “hostadude.” With his business Jack’s Hostas, he sells well over 2,000 varieties of hostas throughout the U.S. And yes, Jack still has a Chihuahua whose name is Pink.

Bruce Brown continues to live in Bryn Mawr, Penn. He and his wife, Lainie, are inventing their own flavor of empty nesterdom: travels, reading, gardening, charities consulting and wondering where 70 years got by. Visitors always welcome!

For the past 40 years **Arlyne Gutmann Cook** has practiced as a psychologist specializing in working with people with developmental disabilities. She is getting ready to retire at the end of this year when she and her husband will celebrate with a Crystal River boat cruise beginning in Vienna. Upon return they will head for Carmel, Calif., which will become their new winter residence, saying goodbye to the Minnesota winters.

Carol McFeaters Dunlap lives in Falls Church, Va. Last summer she and her husband, **David Dunlap '67**, decided it was time to downsize. They sold their house

where they had lived for 31 years and bought a one-story house two miles away. It took some getting used to, but now they are happy campers and know they made the right decision.

Jane Fisher is feeling fortunate to live in a blue state but discouraged by the state of our country and world. It is hard to see how it will heal, but she is hoping. Other than the big picture, she and her husband, Tom, still travel to France a couple times a year. Jane sings with two groups through her UU church and also with the Concord Women’s Chorus, which will do a concert tour to England’s Lake District and Scotland in June.

Dave and **Evie Wiley Frasch** continue to live in Chippewa Falls, Wis., doing what they love—spending more time at their cabin where they frequently see the elk that were reintroduced in the North Woods. They checked two items off the bucket list in 2016 with a trip through the Panama Canal, with side trips to Colombia and Guatemala, and a very successful total knee replacement for Dave—the knee he blew out while a junior at Lawrence.

After 34 years living in Virginia, **Donna Swiggum Glynn** and her husband, John, are back home in Monroe, Wis.! They are in the midst of a restoration/preservation project of the 1889 Lincoln Park Water Tower and raising funding to provide beautification around a surface parking lot that is in the heart of Monroe’s historic downtown district.

Living in State College, Penn., with his wife, Ann, **Reginald Goeke** continues to be very active as president of his consulting firm, Market Value Solutions, and has published several books on quality and value management with ASQ Quality Press.

Almost five years ago, **Steve Graham** and his wife, Marge, moved to Oakland, Calif., to be near their daughter Cindy, and now two grandsons. They are thoroughly enjoying the California lifestyle. Osher Life Long Learning classes at Berkeley have kept their brains engaged, and summers in Michigan help maintain their connection to Björklunden via car ferry.

Bruce Iglaue’s life is still busy running Alligator Records, now 46 years old. His passion for the blues remains as strong as ever. One of his albums is up for two Grammys this year; a slew are nominated for Blues Music Awards. The record business (especially for a niche genre like blues) is really suffering, but his love of the music keeps him going. His marriage to the wonderful Jo Kolanda, now 21+ years, is the other joy of his life.

Susan Dreier Jones has lived in beautiful Oregon since 1982. She retired from public school teaching in 2014 after 45 consecutive years, having taught both Spanish and English in Wisconsin, Colorado and Oregon. She has two grown daughters, a wonderful son-in-law and three precious granddaughters. She plans to celebrate her 70th birthday with a visit to England, Scotland and Wales in September.

Life continues to be busy professionally and personally for **Pamela Bolotin Joseph**. She and her husband,

Mark Windschitl, live in Seattle and keep working on their garden and house (which will have its 100th birthday soon). Pam is principal lecturer in the School of Educational Studies at University of Washington Bothell. She and Mark have traveled to France, Spain, the Netherlands, England and soon to Switzerland.

Gar Kellom and **Kolleen Egan Kellom '70** are easing into retirement (still doing accreditation visits and a Student Parent Program at Winona State University). But the fun is in lake time at the cabin on Google and Adney Lakes in Minnesota, grandkids in the Twin Cities and California and travel. Plans this year include a visit to see **Tocher Mitchell '69** in Vermont and hot air ballooning in New Mexico.

Laurie Magee and her husband, Tom Blajeski, split their year with six months in Wisconsin and six months in Laguna Vista, Texas. This allows Tom to spend the winter surf fishing and Laurie can quilt with a local charity quilting group that makes about 90 quilts during the winter season. She also has been bitten by the vintage sewing machine bug and enjoys refurbishing and sewing with them.

Tocher Mitchell is into his second year working on a USAID project (your tax dollars at work!) in Myanmar, providing technical assistance to banks and microfinance institutions aimed at improving their financing of micro and small businesses.

After 35 years as a Unitarian Universalist minister, **Jim Nelson** is enjoying his second year of retirement. He and his wife, Kathe, are excited about their first grandchild, due in April. Like many, he found the election distressing, but joining 500,000 others in L.A. for the Women’s March the day after was uplifting. Jim hopes for the best.

Tony Award-winning Broadway producer **John O’Boyle**, created the music libretto and lyrics for *Easter Mysteries*, which was a Fathom Event last March and will air on ABC television this spring. *Easter Mysteries* is a musical feature film that journeys into the passion of Christ’s death and resurrection through the lens of his disciples and followers.

In 2009, after 35 years in Cambridge, **Mark Orton** and his wife, Karen, moved to Hudson, N.Y. Mark continues management consulting, though he has cut back on the number of clients. He is very active with the local library and recently finished a five-year project to renovate an armory for a new library. Karen and he opened a photography gallery based on her two decades of creating and teaching photography. Mark is back playing tennis madly.

Frederik Schuetze is still working as the director of string education and conductor of orchestras for the Watertown, Mass., school system. He is considering eventual retirement but still working year-to-year and feels when he stops working with young students, he will actually feel old. He continues to play cello in a local orchestra conducted by his wife, Joy.

Dean and **Sue Voss Pappas** look forward to touring Cuba with the LU alumni group in March and seeing *Hamilton* later in the spring. After reading Chernow’s

biography of Hamilton, Sue garners hope from that history, which reflects how this country has survived incredible divisiveness in the past.

’73

Deborah J. Anderson extends greetings from Steilacoom, Wash., where she enjoys a view of Puget Sound, the islands and Olympic Mountains. One of her sons helped create a YouTube video of her magnum opus for symphonic band, *Under the Bridges of Paris*. West Coast trips, her youngest child’s wedding and weekends with her man peppered the year. This year, she’ll travel to Cuba and France, and work on Opus No. 87 commissioned for clarinet, bass and voice, a challenge worthy of a Lawrence ’73 graduate.

Dr. Nancy J. Boston retired from her college teaching job and is enjoying her time back in Wisconsin.

David P. Brown and his wife left their children and grandchildren in Maine for Sun City Hilton Head, S.C., five years ago. Susan still works but David hasn’t for some time. Instead, he’s playing tennis, golfing and playing around with technology. Sun City is sort of like a college campus without the irritating requirement of going to classes. “I wonder if there are other Lawrentians around here ... ”

Louis B. Butler works with DeWitt Ross & Stevens law firm in Brookfield, Wis. He and his wife have a new granddaughter, making a total of six grandchildren! Louis was recently elected president of the Fellows of the Wisconsin Law Foundation and serves on board of Legal Aid Society in Milwaukee.

Rev. David L. Danner is in his 13th year as rector of All Angels by the Sea Episcopal Church in Longboat Key, Fla. Although no date is set, retirement looks better every day. In the future he hopes to spend more time with family in Canada, travel and resume graduate studies in history—this time for personal enjoyment.

Stanley Kingsley Day recently gave lecture-demonstrations at Eastman and Oberlin on his reconstruction of Chopin’s *F Minor Mazurka*. As of October, he’s played lead roles in 14 Gilbert & Sullivan operettas with the Savoyaires of Evanston, Ill.—the lattermost a title role in his score for *Thespis*. Last spring at Chicago’s City Lit Theater, Stanley was pianist and music director for the world premiere of *I’ve Got the World on a String*, a revue of Harold Arlen songs.

Dr. Kurt R. Dietrich teaches in the music department at Ripon College (Lawrence’s athletic enemy), where he’s been for 35 years. He still does some playing in the area, often with his old Matrix buddies **John Harmon '57** and **Mike Hale '74**. He still dearly misses their esteemed classmate **Fred Sturm**. Last year Kurt was signed by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press to publish his book, *Wisconsin Riffs: Jazz Stories from the Heartland*, scheduled for release in 2018.

Dr. Augustin K. Fosu has returned home to Ghana, where he is professor of economics at the University of Ghana. He holds positions at the University of Pretoria, Aalto University and Oxford University. He spent

30+ years in the U.S. and 15 years in international organizations, including the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics in Finland. Recently, Augustin served on journal editorial boards and Ghana President’s Council of Economic Advisors and lead authored the International Panel on Social Progress. His three sons remain in the U.S.; **Kofi Fosu** is a 2013 Lawrence alum.

Anne Sturgeon Frenchick and her husband are busy with home remodeling. Anne also cares for her 98-year-old mother, swims at the YMCA, fundraises for the Animal Humane Society and works for animal welfare. She and Ted “inherited” a sweet Cavalier Spaniel. They have some major travel plans, as knees and hips don’t last forever—best to start working on the bucket list ASAP!

Donald J. Henrich and his wife, **Beth Johnson Henrich '75**, moved to the Boston area in 2015 to be near their kids. They are settling in, adjusting to the East Coast and finding their way around. Having both recently retired, they stay active at church and joined the choir this fall!

Laura Mueller Just and her husband live in the mountains near Boone, N.C. Though their accents give them away, they blend in pretty well with other retirees and stay busy with grandchildren and volunteering. They still travel; last summer to Germany, at least once a year to Wisconsin and winters in Arizona. She also recently visited **Sara Quandt '73**. Laura still wears her LU t-shirt, prompting several testimonials on the college’s behalf over the years!

Dr. Marcia A. Mittelstadt recently retired and moved back to Memphis: “As I write this news, I am sitting in an empty condo waiting for my furniture to be delivered.” She has no idea what will be next, but looks forward to starting this new adventure.

Cynthia Percak was recently divorced and now resides in Racine, Wis. She volunteers at the DeKoven Center and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. She also serves on the advisory board of the Belle Ensemble, a new professional vocal ensemble performing in the Racine-Kenosha area.

Dr. Sara A. Quandt is still on the faculty at Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C., as is her husband of almost 30 years. They’ve started a phased retirement, finding time for travel (Norway, Sicily), and pursuing hobbies and community involvement. Their children are settled in interesting jobs in D.C. and Raleigh, N.C.

Rex B. Richardson and his wife are retired and taking advantage of that “go-go” stage of retirement—old enough to buy wine without an ID, young enough to drive after dark. Travel plans for 2017 include the Pacific Northwest, West Coast, going overseas and visiting friends and family-of-choice throughout the country.

This fall **Susan Conkey Running** and her husband moved to a new home, in Hortonville, Wis. They enjoy retirement and are planning a spring trip to Texas. They’re looking forward to the gardening projects that come with a big new yard.

William H. Sharp is teaching his 14th year at Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University. Performances coming up include French Baroque at American Bach Soloists in San Francisco and the American premiere of Jörg Widmann’s magisterial song cycle *Das Heiße Herz*.

Rabbi Myra Soifer retired from her Reno, Nev., congregation after 26 years in 2013. In 2014, she became the seasonal rabbi for a snowbird congregation in Sanibel, Fla. She serves for the Jewish High Holidays and then from November to April, all while living in an RV that she drives to and from Nevada. While it’s been a wonderful adventure, Myra’s Sanibel tenure soon concludes, so she’s looking forward to exciting possibilities with international service.

Tom Stadler returned to the stage last summer as Sir Lawrence Wargrave in Agatha Christie’s *And Then There Were None* for Riverside Players. In September he retired from the Outagamie County Housing Authority after 13 years. He continues to reside in Appleton.

Dianne H. Walker retired from UC Berkeley after 25+ years in IT, but now she’s back in it! The years she spent in Southeast Asia working and living with Indochinese refugees were life-transforming, so she’s built a network of people interested in the global refugee crisis. She’s come full circle by serving the campus, as well as social entrepreneurs in Europe, Turkey and the Middle East, who work to improve services for refugees and those approved for resettlement. A Lawrence Slavic major can do many good things!

Nancy Freeman Wallace retired in 2015 (after 42 years of working, 37 in cancer control) and has enjoyed traveling with her husband across the states. It’s wonderful seeing nonwork friends and trying new activities like decluttering and exercise classes. Their daughter recently married, so Nancy had fun planning the wedding. She’s also been reading, going to movies and enjoying the nine grandchildren. She visited **Laura Mueller Just ’73** recently and is going on the Lawrence trip to Cuba in March.

Daniel N. Wiessner and five other ’73 alums (**Rob Lindquist**, **Bill Gruetzmacher**, **David Rogers**, **Steve Holmgren** and **Tony Welhouse**) went backpacking in Kings Canyon National Park in August. They had a great time reconnecting and celebrating turning 65. Daniel also took up bicycle touring. He and a friend rode self-supported from Santa Monica to Chicago: 53 days, 2,700 miles. It was only appropriate to start his 66th year with a tour of Route 66! Daniel also enjoys his grandson, who has a brother on the way.

After 40 years in public education, most recently as superintendent of the Ripon Area School District (Wis.), **Dr. Richard N. Zimman** and his wife relocated to West Bend, Wis. Valerie recently retired from UW–Oshkosh while Richard works for an educational policy services company and teaches courses for Marian University in its superintendent certification/doctoral program. Recent travels include the Lawrence trip to Cuba, Istanbul, Croatia and Bulgaria, but their favorite remains Ireland, where their children and grandchildren live.

’75

Jon Becker is hoping you’ll watch for his Kickstarter campaign to fund a CD with *Earth Day Portrait* by John Harmon and *Hymn To The Earth* by Edward Joseph Collins. If he is in your community to talk about a municipality-based de facto Climate Action Plan for Wisconsin, he welcomes you to stop by to say hi.

Pamela Cooper has landed at Cambridge University Press as the sales manager of textbooks. On a trip to Cambridge, U.K., she enjoyed a celebratory sales dinner at the Trinity College dining hall, complete with paintings of ancient Dons and eating sticky toffee pudding. She likes living in New York City and resides in Washington Heights. She visits family in Illinois and her mom and sister in Rochester, N.Y.

Scot Faulkner continues to advise global corporations and governments on strategic change and leadership. His columns on government reform appear on Newsmax and in major newspapers. Scot regularly provides political commentary on various radio programs. He served on President Trump’s transition, including the planning phase prior to the 2016 election.

After over 40 years living in the United Kingdom, **Timothy Grana** has finally naturalized as a British citizen.

After working at Queensland University of Technology since 1990, **David Gust** retired this year. Over the past 26 years, he has been a head of school, assistant dean of research, deputy director of a research institute, and dean of the science and engineering faculty, as well as active in teaching and research in geology. His fun travels have included trips to Africa, Asia, South Pacific, USA and almost all of Australia to look at rocks. He looks forward to a new set of travel adventures with Linda that don’t focus on rocks—perhaps medieval architecture in Europe, as well as hosting any visitors who want to experience the “land down under.”

Linda Wolfram Gust retired in 2011, after 20 years in laboratory staff and technical services management at universities in Brisbane. Life now includes more time outdoors, more travel and less crowded daytime sessions at the gym. She is a volunteer at the Queensland Herbarium and a soprano in the Queensland Choir, and enjoys having time to frequent the library, read, sew and explore. Linda and David live in the same house they bought when they moved to Brisbane in 1990 and are now empty nesters, though they see their children frequently.

Stephanie Jed has taught in the Department of Literature at University of California San Diego since 1981. She is married to Eduardo García and they have two sons, Bruno and Lucas. She is especially appreciative of her Lawrence education!

2016 was another great year for **Nancy Butler Kuhn** and **Richard Kuhn ’74**. They knocked three more trips off their bucket list: Machu Picchu in April, Norway (above the Arctic Circle, experiencing the midnight sun) in June and northern Italy in the fall. They continue to enjoy their retirement in Wilmington, N.C. She had hip

replacement surgery just before Thanksgiving, which went well, and she was back to her normal activities after six weeks. Both of their sons are still in Charlotte so Nancy and Richard enjoy seeing them (and their grandchildren) every couple of months.

Thomas Neff is still alive in Nashville, Tenn. He is teaching film, video, media and others at Middle Tennessee State University for his seventh year and is working on several major projects, including a documentary series on current politics. He is also working on a major photo exhibit on rare shots he took the day after the Rodney King L.A. riots of April 1992, including many of the burned-out buildings. “Still hittin’ at it. Best to all!”

Mary Jo Hibbert Powell is getting ready to make some major life changes by downsizing and moving to a senior living community a couple of miles down the road from her home in College Station, Texas. After deciding that she and her cat don’t really need 2,700 square feet, a large yard and two-car garage, she made a great deal with her stepson and his wife. Now to sort and decide what to do with lots of “things.”

Following a 31-year career at the University of Oklahoma, **Carl Rath** is in his fifth year as a full-time adjunct instructor of music in the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music. His duties include studio teaching of bassoon, coaching chamber music, directing and arranging for ViBE (Viking Bassoon Ensemble) and teaching courses in rock ‘n’ roll history and The Beatles. Carl makes presentations on The Beatles for schools, libraries and civic groups, and in summer 2017 he will present a weeklong Beatles seminar at Lawrence’s Björklunden campus. Also, this summer, he will co-host the annual conference of the International Double Reed Society at Lawrence, June 20–24, featuring 100 events and 80 participants.

Cathryn Thurow is still retired, still married, has the same kids and still lives in San Francisco. She travels a lot and the nonprofit that she runs with her husband, Robert Cornwell, Build a School in Burma, is thriving. They have completed 21 schools and will build another seven to eight this year. She is leaving on a two-month trip soon, to Ethiopia, Egypt, Italy and Spain. One of her great joys of retirement is reconnecting with so many classmates, like her upcoming trips with **Mary Dinauer** in Sicily and **Chris Murray** and his wife, Dany, in Egypt. “Please come visit me in San Francisco!”

Janice and **Charles Woodward** are into their fourth year in Denver, which is almost as long as they’ve stayed put anywhere since the mid-90s. Janice works at an alternative high school north of Denver, helping students with social, economic and family-related challenges achieve their goal of getting a GED and/or securing a job. Chuck is beginning a new career as a professional mediator, working with both the Denver and Jefferson County bar associations to hone his skills in the expanding field of alternative dispute resolution. They enjoyed a nice visit with **Martha** and **Matt Sigler** when they were in Denver for the annual ADA meeting.

’77

Compiled and submitted by Jim Rand

Every year the numbers change—grandkids, years in a city and so on. In honor of our coming Reunion, here’s a “Top 40” countdown, *a la* Dick Clark and American Bandstand.

John Chandler and **Dorothy Fischer** (and others) can’t believe 40 is our graduation number! **John’s** excuse involves having kids still in high school (Whitefish Bay, Wis.), while others have grandkids. **Dorothy’s** 40 include 38 years in Texas (Coppell, Texas). She runs a private practice for life coaching, InnerAwareness. She thanks classmates for condolences on the 2005 death of her sister **Martha Fischer Denton ’77** at age 49.

Bill Edminster is celebrating a different 40. He’s seen that many plays at the Globe Theatre in London with annual visits. He travels to Appleton frequently too as alumni advisor to Phi Kappa Tau, and also scores a 25 on this list for his years as assistant director at the McHenry (Ill.) Public Library.

Coming in at 35 is **Helen Bartlett** for her years at the Yale University Music Library, now head of technical services. She also volunteers with La Leche League International. Two sons (21 and 17) fill the house with bikes and guitar equipment. She’ll miss the Reunion.

Mark (“Gala”) Atkinson ties Helen at 35 for his years of marriage. He’ll retire from ministry soon and move to a house in New Bern, N.C., with room for friends (hint!) and family (three children, four grandkids—“all the fun, none of the responsibility”—and one coming). He and Lois Ann thank God for many blessings.

Thirty-four is **Ruth Shaw Striegel’s** number, retiring this year from that many years teaching orchestra in Albuquerque Public Schools. She looks forward to more time directing music at her church, political engagement, gardening, cooking and travel.

Kathy Wrege Nordeen is close behind at 32 years of research and teaching neuroscience at the University of Rochester (N.Y.). When she hits 33, she’ll get a gold retirement watch (or not). Political activism is on her list too, with music, travel, Habitat for Humanity and free classes for “adult learners.”

Nancy Evans Johnsen, in Renton, Wash., occupies position 31 (years married), with two top-10 hits at nine and four (years in the current home and number of adults living there) ... and one “priceless”—her husband surviving a 2016 heart attack.

Ken Meyer parlayed 30-plus years of paper company expertise into a new challenge as director of sales for a previously idle paper mill in Manistique, Mich. He’s proof that old dogs (and alums) can learn new tricks!

On the old pop charts, a bullet meant a hit song. Put one by **Martha Olson** for reconnecting with Lawrence, to serve on the Board of Trustees—a gift to us all! She lives in Darien, Conn., and is at No. 30, for years of wedded bliss (maybe).

There’s another tie at 25. First, **Catherine Boggs** and **Larry Martinez** have lived that long in Santa Barbara, Calif. She too runs a life coaching practice. Volunteering at a film festival and travel are delights. She looks forward to Reunion.

At 25 years of marriage and an empty nest (not counting her husband and the cat her daughter left) is **Kathy Steiner-Lang**. She works with international students and faculty at Washington University in St. Louis.

Turning a “2” into 20 was more than adding a zero for **Susan Basnik Herring**. Her husband’s assignment in London sped from the smaller number to the larger. They’ve paid off the mortgage and college tuitions to finally enjoy what the city offers. Will they see Bill E. at the Globe?

Marc Weinberger claims slot No. 15 for his tenure as law librarian for the Federal Court in Madison, Wis. This fast riser can’t wait to climb the stairs to the top of Main Hall again “where the impossible became real,” and to find a quiet spot on campus to remember classmates no longer with us.

Jeffrey Frank (West Bend, Wis.) shows up at No. 12 for years married to Julie. Lest John Chandler feels alone, Jeff seems to have at least one high schooler, with seven other “combined” kids, plus five grandkids. Financial work, outdoors and sports fill his days.

“Priceless” fits **Andy Mead** too, for surviving cardiac arrest on a bike ride last year. Luckily, a doc saw it and delivered CPR. On a more mundane count, he’s an 11 (like a Spinal Tap guitar amp?) for homes renovated.

Lisa Weins Bellamy in Brooklyn, N.Y., with husband **Peter**, loves grandparenting. She’s a development research officer with the Episcopal Church and faculty member for the Writers Studio. A chapbook, *Nectar*, was published in 2012 (placing her at No. 4), with more on the way. Peter’s photography takes them often to a house in the Adirondacks. A daughter starts in June as a clinical law professor at Seton Hall.

Linda Ericson Hill and **Dave ’78** are spending more time in Naples, Fla., each winter enjoying the golf, tennis, food and weather. He sold his insurance business a few years ago and retired last fall. They are No. 3 for the number of grandchildren they see often, in Chicago.

Joining other London ex-pats is **Sally March**. She is in a tie for No. 1 for reconnecting with Ellen Jakes Kelm a year ago at the Rugby World Cup, and says “Thanks, Loretta” for the invite to Reunion. Still, a slight edge goes to **Karen Kinsell** for being the only medical provider in a rural Georgia county. A true No. 1!

Better than that? How about 4/10? That’s how far **Tom (Howie) Hughes** lives from grandkids in Delaware. He’s a substitute teacher in semi-retirement. Or **Deb Howland** at zero as an empty nester, as well as intentional interim senior minister in Delevan, Wis., and adjunct professor at Carroll University.

A few classmates are off the charts—in a good way! **Anne MacLeod Weeks** is at 3,020. That’s how many

kilometers she has to travel to Reunion from home in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. Will she? **Jim** and **Leslie Peterson** in St. Louis rate an 80. They will come to Reunion, and that’s how many classmates we want to have there!

As for me, your humble scribe, **Jim Rand**: I put myself at 62, the age my dad retired, though I still work. But he designed airplanes. It’s not a disaster if one of my sermons crashes and burns. I’m in Milwaukee.

Care to see the unedited news from classmates? Let me know; I’ll send it. Lots of good stuff!

’79

Compiled and submitted by Susan Chandler

After 31 years as a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State, serving overseas in the Caribbean, Southeast Asia, Europe, Africa, plus domestically, **Karl Albrecht** retired in September 2016. Karl notes that the academic rigors of Lawrence and the opportunities there to develop his interest in international affairs sparked his desire to serve in the diplomatic service. In mid-November, Karl and his wife, Barbara, moved to Bath, Maine, where he plans to explore possible part-time work at one of the many postsecondary schools in the area.

In January 2016 **LinaBeth Barber** and her husband, John, moved to Tucson, Ariz. Now that they’re both retired, they plan to divide their time between Arizona and their recently purchased (and newly renovated) medieval second home in Montone, Italy.

Sylvia Long Batzler is still defending parents with the Maryland Office of the Public Defender—Child in Need of Assistance Division, with no plans to retire. She and her husband, Lloyd, are celebrating almost 29 years of marriage along with the success of two grown kids who are trying their wings. Sylvia notes that she ran a 10K over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Teri Herbst Bill and **John Bill** connected via Facebook with fellow Lawrentians **Jim Palm ’79** and **Susan Palm ’80** in early January 2017 in Palm Desert, Calif. They met up to watch the Packers game and also enjoyed 18 holes of golf together. Even though it had been more than 10 years since they had been together, they declare that “good friendships never change.”

John (Sean) Boyle says life is good in Manasquan, N.J. He’s still working as an outside sales rep for Gemini, Inc., with territory from Delaware to Maine. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, are proud parents of 22-year-old daughter Kate, scheduled to graduate this spring from College of Charleston (S.C.) and 29-year-old son Owen, who lives and works in Manhattan.

Susan Chandler and her husband, Bruce, are still in Edina and appreciating all that the Minneapolis area offers. As the vice president of Arts Midwest, she enjoys leading a multidisciplinary organization and its domestic and international arts programs. Their daughter Katherine is in graduate school studying water resources science.

Jane Curran-Meuli is the executive vice president and chief operating officer of Holy Family Memorial hospital and multispecialty clinics in Manitowoc, Wis. With her husband, **Michael Meuli '76**, she's enjoying the Manitowoc community and all it has to offer. They relished being part of a pilgrimage to Italy this year following the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare. Their sons, Ferris and Saville, are both working in the Midwest, which leads to great family gatherings.

Susan Davies is beginning her eighth year with the Trails and Open Space Coalition in Colorado Springs, Colo., as the executive director. Moving from journalism to nonprofit management was a stretch, but Susan relished the change and has grown into the position. She says if you love what you do it doesn't feel like work. Her daughter is a high school junior considering colleges; Susan is lobbying for Lawrence.

Richard Faust retired from Computer Sciences Corp. in September 2015 after 18 years there. He went canoeing in Canada with **Don Arnosti** before starting a new job with California Technologies in October 2015 as a senior services consultant doing web security projects. His flying hobby has taken a quantum leap forward with a recent upgrade from a 1952 Cessna 170B to a 1981 Beech A36TC. He and his wife, Nancy, are looking forward to lots of flying trips now that they have a more capable ride.

Betsy Fine was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis five years ago. The biggest surprise was that her cognitive as well as physical abilities were affected. Following her earlier career as an assistant U.S. attorney, Betsy was a stay-at-home mom who is now the proud parent of 29- and 24-year-old sons and grandparent to a grandson, age 6. In facing the challenges of MS, Betsy says she's learned to 1) be strong in confidence, 2) take a step back and make a plan, 3) think about what you can learn and 4) think about previous health problems you conquered.

August Geise IV is enjoying retirement from corporate life and all the outdoor activities that Colorado has to offer. He serves as a co-chair of the Lawrence President's Advisory Council.

Jeff Hawley married Rose Lee last October. He's still working for Paychex and playing a lot of tennis—and watching it and traveling to Melbourne in January 2017 to see the Australian Open.

Regina Swingen Lee is in her 24th year as a faculty member at Tennessee Technological University in the library, now as a full professor. As assessment librarian, she does all the reports for academic accreditations, the university and the library. After a rough 2016 (her husband died, her husky died and her mom had a major heart attack), Regina is planning to do more traveling and focus on herself. Making good on that, she went on a fantastic trip to Maui last year and took a cruise in the western Caribbean with **Kim (Narotzky) O'Donnell**. To fulfill her need for a new companion, Regina adopted a 2-year-old German shepherd from the animal shelter.

Bob Loomis ran his first 100-mile mountain run with his oldest daughter in Oregon in September 2016—he says it was a wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime, 33-hour experience! Bob and his wife Deborah's oldest daughter is married, with two children (“being a Grandpa is neat!”), and their other two children will be getting married over the next year. Bob is still living in Appleton and a practicing partner at Herrling Clark Law Firm.

Roeliff M. Loveland is enjoying his 38th year in management at MAZE NAILS—the sixth-generation family business that he joined after graduation, which also happens to be one of America's last nail makers. He has the pleasure of working with two of his three sons, along with four nephews! Roelif and his wife, Anne, have just begun the hobby of beekeeping. The hive is assembled, the bee suit is hanging in the closet and the bees will arrive soon from the vendor. Other beekeepers are encouraged to share tips.

Meg Malde-Arnosti and **Don Arnosti** live in St. Paul, where Don works for the Izaak Walton League on environmental policies that protect habitats, and Meg is a landscape architect with Southview Design, a residential design-build firm. This year, they traveled to Europe to see Don's family, hiked the Appalachian Trail (Don), visited California (Meg), canoed in the Boundary Waters and traveled to Colorado to see Meg's family. They have three grown kids: daughter Libby lives in St. Paul and is studying to become an ESL teacher; son Nathan lives in D.C. and works for the Brookings Institution in the Metropolitan Policy Program; and eldest son Nick is a professor at Columbia in operations research.

Astrid Strasburger Manoli, living in Freiburg, Germany, says there is one tense in the English language that cannot really be translated into German: the present perfect. And it's exactly this tense that Astrid likes a lot. It is the concept of an action that started in the past and lasts into the present that appeals to your German housewife who is not a person of fast actions. And this is probably the reason why the high school students she's been tutoring find this tense too “unreal”: they prefer the past and the present. For the first time, Astrid is teaching German to elementary school-aged refugees and here everything takes place in present tense—Astrid avoids their past. Once in a while she follows her husband, **Yiannos '78**, to faraway places, and so it happened that she turned 60 in Nanjing and enjoyed the immense benefit of getting all museum tickets at half-price.

Kent Rose says he sees dangerous times ahead, as he will retire later this year after 33 exciting years in law and business. The last of four offspring of he and his wife, Marie, will head off to college shortly thereafter. He's not sure what's around the corner but is looking forward to it and welcomes tips from those “who have already trod this path.”

Thomas Spear is a professor of language and literature at Lehman College in New York.

Robert Spoo holds an endowed chair on the law faculty at the University of Tulsa College of Law, where he teaches copyright law, contracts, law and literature,

and regularly publishes on intellectual property, literary history and related topics. His most recent book, *Without Copyrights: Piracy, Publishing and the Public Domain*, was released in paperback in 2016. Bob received a 2016 Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship for a book-in-progress tentatively entitled *Modernism and the Law*. Bob and his wife, Marjorie, have twin daughters who are freshmen in college.

Thomas Stone owns Maestro & Fox Music Publishers and serves as conductor of the Red River Wind Orchestra in Shreveport, La. His many published compositions and arrangements have been performed by the Dallas Wind Symphony, the U.S. Marine Band, the Philadelphia Wind Symphony, the University of North Texas Wind Symphony, the Longy Club of Boston and many other ensembles worldwide. Tom is married to soprano Jennifer Dowd.

Brendan Tripp writes, “Hey, they say when life gives you lemons, make lemonade—and that's sort of the theme of my past few years. I've been looking for that next full-time job since my last employer went belly-up in March 2009 (yes, that IS quite a long time), mostly scraping by on freelance and consulting gigs ... unfortunately, with most ‘for equity’ (and what's 20 percent of a failed start-up worth?).” He says that he's embarked on various projects, including “dusting off” the ISBNs he had from his old publishing venture and publishing 30 titles over the past two and a half years (peruse them at eschatonbooks.com). He welcomes invitations on LinkedIn.

John Warrington has worked in Nicaragua for 12 years and lived there full time for the past three. He's engaged in timber plantation projects on the Pacific coast and developing large-scale cocoa plantations in the indigenous community region of the country's Caribbean coast, which basically means rain forest devastated by slash-and-burn agriculture. John says that perhaps degraded land rehabilitation based on agro-forestry models will help.

'81

Compiled and submitted by Karen Lutz Hallacy

Greetings Class of '81! We had a great 35th cluster Reunion this summer, and I wish more of you could have attended. We reminisced about fun memories, had a few drinks, saw pictures that brought back lots of memories and got caught up with where we are today. It was fun to see the classes around ours, and we're already lobbying for another cluster Reunion for our 40th! In the meantime, let's catch up with some of our classmates both near and far.

Starting with far (sometimes), **Elizabeth Austin Asch** will complete certification as an interspecies communicator. In June she started free diving lessons in France so that she could swim with cetaceans. (See her Facebook page for photos.) Having already spent time with one of the largest land mammals, the African elephant, she also wanted to learn from the giants of the sea. She still makes art in her spare time, and there is more of that now since both kids are off at school. She spends her time in transit between homes in

Paris and New Hampshire, visiting her kids and forays elsewhere. Life is good.

John Blaser is completing his 25th year teaching elementary school in Boulder County, Colo. He teaches fifth grade in Longmont. Highlights include taking students on trips to Cal-Wood, an outdoor education center in the foothills of the Rockies, and helping coach elementary grade students to run in the annual Bolder Boulder 10K. His wife, Julie, is a physical therapist at Longmont United Hospital. They have one daughter Emma, who is a high school junior.

Dawn Baumann Brunke continues to live, write, dream and offer animal communication talks in Alaska. She recently published *The Key to Spirit Animals* by Fair Winds publishing and is working on a book tentatively titled *The Rise of the Snake Goddess*. Life is fun and good.

Ellen Kloehn Bruno '83 and **Dr. James V. Bruno** moved to Wausau, Wis., this past November. The four children are fledged, so they have more time to pursue their interest of cross-country skiing, biking and camping. Ellen is doing IT work for Aspirus Wausau Hospital while Jim is doing hand and wrist surgery, with some general musculoskeletal care. They are enjoying their new colleagues, neighbors and locale, while reconnecting with past friends.

Ann Derse enjoyed the official Reunion in June 2016 and held a micro-reunion several months later with classmate **Frederique Demeulemeester Farouz** and her chef husband, Yves Farouz, at their quaint restaurant and accommodations near Paris, France (Restaurant et Hostellerie du Prieure, hostelduprieure.com), before and after a fascinating 10-day foodie trip to Morocco, followed by additional Moorish architecture in Sevilla and Granada, Spain.

David Eddy lives in Mill Valley, Calif., just north of San Francisco. He's married and has two adult children. He's responsible for business development at a technology company called GuideSpark. In his free time, he enjoys a regular golf match with fellow Lawrentian **John Boas**. If you are coming through the Bay Area he'd enjoy getting together for coffee or a glass of wine!

David Heller's latest CD recording at Christ Church United Methodist, Louisville, K.Y., was released in June 2016. He returned to Austria this past August to teach and perform at the Classical Music Festival in Eisenstadt. He recently performed on the iconic pipe organ of the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah, as a guest recitalist for the Temple Square Recital Series. He has upcoming performances at the University of Arizona; Fond du Lac, Wis.; and a return engagement in Austria. He serves on the faculty of Trinity University in San Antonio as professor and chair of the Department of Music, and as associate organist at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Sarah McCrank Litzer writes: “Haven't checked in with fellow Lawrentians in several years. Many have probably given up on me because I move so often—but that's because I'm always open to new adventures! For now, I have settled in Merrill, Wis., with my husband **Don**

Litzer ('80) and our current beagle, Elvis. I've taken to adopting older dogs with special needs from our local shelter because they need good homes! I retired from teaching officially, but I still have my own business translating documents from German into English. I also volunteer in various community endeavors and my latest stint as VP of our local concert association gives me the opportunity to get on stage, if only to introduce the performances!”

Tim Melchert published his second book in 2015 and recently became the first psychologist from Marquette University to publish an article in the *American Psychologist*, the flagship journal of the American Psychological Association.

Mary Manual Schwartz, her husband, Jim, and son, Karl, live in beautiful Bergen County, N.J., about 15 miles from New York City, in the borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, which happens to be the childhood home of **Rik Warch**. For the past almost 20 years, she has taught music in a small public school district near her home. She took training in Orff Schulwerk, an approach to classroom music teaching, and loves it! It combines all the things she loves to do with children: movement, playing instruments, singing, playing music games. She also likes working with all the elementary grade levels, especially preschool. Come visit her if you are ever in New York City!

Pat Short is entering his 25th season at the helm of CSz Portland (portlandcomedy.com). He continues to work with a variety of interesting companies and agencies using applied improvisation training for leadership, customer service and design thinking applications. His wife uses the same skills and tools working with people with brain injuries and their providers. 2016 saw the release of a new CD, *Front Left Corner of Heaven*; 2017 brings two new music projects and a new musical for school audiences.

Julie (Totzke Wille '82) and **David Wille** are doing well and still live in the Chicago area. Their youngest son Michael graduated from Lawrence (yes!) last June, and is now in Vancouver for a one-year post-undergrad program at Vancouver Film School focusing on game design! Their other two “young adults” are in California—Christine focusing on technical theatre, costuming, make-up design and prosthetics, and Andrew doing PR, marketing and social media. David retired from Hewitt Associates in 2007 after 25 years, and is now celebrating his 10-year anniversary as owner and founder of AMS Chicago, where he does fundraising consulting for over 250 charities each year. He gets to meet some neat athletes and celebrities with the goal of helping to raise over \$1 million annually for the charities he works with. And yes, he's still playing basketball three days a week!

Karen Lutz Hallacy continues her work as an education advocate and also helped found an Elder Abuse Task Force that brings law enforcement and social services together to help prevent elder abuse. The model is being introduced in north Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. She still has the travel bug and travels extensively every year nationally and internationally.



ELIZABETH DUVIVIER '85

“My memories of Lawrence are so sweet. I think what I appreciate most when I look back is how great the professors were. I truly had strong one-on-one

time with many of my professors—they knew me personally. They encouraged me and cared about my success and well-being. It was a very nurturing place.”

Elizabeth is paying that experience forward. As the founder and executive director of Squam Art Workshops, she has created a space that encourages thousands of individuals to explore their creativity and nurtures a safe place for artistic transformation.

Like many Lawrentians, Elizabeth has diverse talents, so after earning her B.A. in French and English her professional path was “all over the map”—in the best way possible. She taught French, coached lacrosse at boarding schools and was the senior contributing editor for an engineering/information technology magazine. She also worked as a commercialization manager in an engineering/manufacturing company for many years before returning to teaching English and creative writing at the New Hampshire Institute of Art (NHIA). While teaching at NHIA, she launched Squam.

Soon, it built such a fierce momentum that she had to let go of the teaching job to concentrate on Squam full time.

Since opening in 2008, Squam has organized national and international retreats encouraging attendees (from 47 states and 21 countries) to unleash their inner creative energies. For those wanting a similar experience without the travel, Squam offers online workshops as well.

What distinguishes a Squam retreat is that you can plan on “twinkle lights, generous teachers, sweet walks through the woods, open hearts, vintage cottages, loons calling across the lake, laughter rolling up from the dock, time to breathe, night sky full of stars—but you can't plan for the mystical connections and unexpected discoveries that will surely find you.”

Squam's goal is simple: let there be more joy—more light—more ease. Sounds like a place we want to check out. Congratulations on your continued success, Elizabeth!

—Kasey Corrado

'85

Compiled and submitted by Tammie Follett

Resli Costabell volunteered at the Paralympics in Rio, which was a blast. She was an official shusher for goal ball, a sport for blind athletes that requires spectators to be silent. They gave her a sign that said “SILENCIO,” explained that her job was to get 1,500 screaming Brazilians to STFU and added, “Good luck with that.” Reader, she did it. Engaged in lots of clowning, made it a game, and they actually did shut up. Mostly. She qualified for the Museum of London’s Foreshore Recording and Observation Group, which goes down to the Thames at low tide to record the state of historical objects, such as boat keels from the 1700s and Neolithic fish traps. Very nerdy. Suits her. Won a third medal at the Creative Thinking world championship, earning the title “International Master of Creative Thinking.” Spot the pattern: she won gold her first year, silver her second and bronze her third.

Tanja Scribner Felton and her husband, Tom, entered empty nesterhood this year. It seems impossible that their kids are the age she was at Lawrence! Alec is a junior at the University of Minnesota and will live in Copenhagen this summer—interning at Maersk in their sustainability department. Nicole is a freshman at Miami of Ohio. Tom and Tanja are filling their time with the usual work and home duties, plus traveling as much as schedules allow. This past year included trips to Austria (attending the New Year’s Eve Grand Ball at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna), Spain (with Nicole’s high school orchestra), Denmark (to visit relatives) and Mexico (for a medical conference). They look forward to more adventures in the coming year—plus good times with other LU alums.

Ellen Fleming has lived in and around Chicago since graduation, but she will soon move to Minnesota, where her husband started a new job. She is sticking around Downers Grove through their younger daughter’s graduation from high school, and then Ellen and her husband will start their new career as empty nesters somewhere near Austin or Rochester. She already used LU Voyager to look up alumni in Minnesota and is looking forward to reconnecting with those who live nearby. She will dearly miss her LU friends in Chicago and the many alumni club gatherings she has attended.

Tammie Follett had a wonderful 2016 traveling and connecting with her friends—a trip to Malawi for a friend’s wedding and to South Africa to visit schools/ students through her work with Africa Classroom Connection and Books for Africa. 2017 brings a trip to the Bahamas, Scotland in the summer and Mongolia in the fall. Next year, she’ll add to her climbing experience in Patagonia. Always fun to celebrate with all Lawrence friends across the country!

Martin Gross is still in Shorewood (Milwaukee), working as a distributor for a Swiss company that makes precision instrumentation for R&D. So, he gets to travel about to Switzerland and Latin America for business. He recently picked up Portuguese and is again teaching French at the Alliance Française. His

daughter has already turned 9, and he is trying to bring her up with German, which is fun but challenging. They will try to get to Austria again this year to visit friends and family. He is in year 5 of his “new” old house, and has moved mountains of soil to create gardens and fix drainage issues. He hopes this is the year his back patio is finally done, and he can also move equipment into his new basement lab. Nice to look back at work already done, and to summer picking berries!

Anne Strauss Gustafson has been busy: She sent her youngest off to college this past August and started a new job in January. She had been teaching in the Middleton-Cross Plains School District; now she is the art teacher in the lower school at Madison Country Day School. In her spare time, she paints abstract landscapes of Lake Michigan.

Jennifer Nilsson Halgren says life has come full circle. She still spends days with ninth graders, but with kids no longer at home and newly found time, she updated her archaic marketing skills and now manages an architectural firm’s social media. She is learning about architecture and really likes it. Getting together with LU friends is another highlight. Their annual Secret Santa dinner, held this year at Nancy Anderson Schoenwetter’s, has been going on in the Twin Cities for almost 30 years!

B. Andrew James says that despite all of the problems with the Chicago Public Schools, he is enjoying his 15th year teaching at Mather High School. So far he has taught English as a second language, Russian, U.S. history, world studies and law classes. This year he is teaching U.S. history and world studies to English language learners. He is putting his liberal arts education to work every day! Also, his lovely wife, Tiffany, and he are quickly approaching their 20th anniversary. This fall, their daughter, Rebecca, will enter high school. Time marches on.

James Keith works in Albuquerque, N.M. in the defense and aerospace industry. He spent the last year in Herndon, Va., working for Northrop Grumman on global programs. He is excited to see what the new administration will do in those industries while protecting American interests domestically and abroad.

David King and **Kirsten Syverson ’86** celebrated the weddings of two daughters in 2016.

David M. Pfeiffer lives in London with his wife, Cathy, and 10-year-old son, Harry. They have spent the last 25 years in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and London. After a successful run as a lawyer, David decided that semi-retirement would fit well. Today, he spends a lot of time with his son, and watching cricket and Liverpool FC football matches.

Lee Salawitch says 2016 was a year of change. In February, Lee’s house was broken into, which was the impetus to downsize and move from a house in Baltimore City to a condo in Baltimore County. Unable to lose his “winter bear weight,” Lee finally joined a gym and hired a personal trainer. So far, he is down 35 pounds and is at the same weight he was senior year. Recently, Lee marked 31 years in the travel industry.

Yes, there is still a need for travel professionals. Lee’s life revolves around work, synagogue, trivia, the gym, the local Steelers club and Penguins hockey.

Dawn Draeger Schroeter and **Eric H. Schroeter** live in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. Eric teaches chemistry and robotics at Lakeview Technology Academy. Dawn left Kraft Heinz and works for the Kellogg Business School at Northwestern University. Their son Aaron will graduate from Lawrence in May with a degree in biochemistry; he’ll go to graduate school in the fall. Trevor, their youngest, is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. Dawn and Eric still raise and show horses with one placing third in the country for her class. Lawrence has really grown and changed since they were there, though they found old electron microscopy photos that Eric, David Provence and Dawn had done in 1985 still up. Very good memories of Lawrence, then and now.

Dr. Timothy M. Sievers and Jenna L. Sievers live in Bedford, N.H. Tim is now on the backend of his medical career and hoping to one day slow down within his incredibly busy anesthesia practice. Their kids are mostly grown up and looking forward to the next phase of life. Everyone’s healthy and pursuing their passions and careers. Tim enjoys chasing his daughter around the freestyle skiing circuit. Emily rocks!!! He still devotes considerable time to musical performances and mission work in Haiti and Honduras as medical director of Vision International Missions. He hopes everyone experiences hope, health and happiness in 2017!

Prof. Timothy X. Troy begins his 20th year teaching at Lawrence next fall. What a great ride it has been to chair the Department of Theatre Arts and share his days with great students and wonderful colleagues. Recent highlights include starting a student-written series of new play premieres lovingly named after Fred Gaines; regular offerings of musicals to ensure theatre and music students regularly collaborate; active engagement in the Lawrence Innovation and Entrepreneurial program; and joining efforts with Prof. Skran in the government department to bring theatre education to schools in Jamaica and Sierra Leone. Many thanks to **Tom ’60** and **Julie Hurvis ’61**, whose gift to Lawrence made Tim’s career possible. Professionally, Tim spends most of his creative time playwrighting and experimenting with audio theatre and jazz poetry. Tim and Jacque, his lovely wife of 27 years, continue to collaborate as artists and share life’s wonderful journey.

Megan H. White and **Eric Heiman** have lived in San Francisco for 30 years. Megan works for Bare Essentials in visual merchandising. They have been married for 15 years.

Sandra Wilson remarried in September 2015. She and her husband, Vernon Eby, share many interests and are looking forward to their future, which will include lots of travel. Sandra is in her 31st year of teaching, 29 years at Niles North High School. For the past two years, she has taught Advanced Placement World History to eager freshmen. She also teaches sociology and loves the class discussions. Sandra’s 25-year-old son is pursuing his doctorate in electrical and communications

engineering at Northwestern University. Her 23-year-old daughter teaches special education at Urbana Middle School, and her 20-year-old stepson is at Columbia College in Chicago studying sound engineering. Sandra lives two blocks from Lake Michigan in Evanston, Ill., and is enjoying life!

Kimberly Bernsten Zlevor and **Kevin J. Zlevor** moved back from an overseas assignment several years ago and again make their home in Racine, Wis. Kevin retired from SC Johnson & Son to work with Andis Company, where he leads the international division. They are empty nesters with their three children out of the house and out of Wisconsin. Thankfully, Kimberly still has Kevin to raise. Their youngest, Annie, is at Colorado College majoring in organismal biology and ecology. Nicholas, their middle child, is pursuing a law degree from the University of Michigan and will move to New York for work while the oldest, Maxwell (Class of ’13, the legacy continues), lives and works in Minneapolis for Sage Publishing. Difficult adjustment, but they are managing well and looking forward to traveling together to visit them. They wish all their many Lawrence friends well and hope they cross paths very soon.

'86

Joseph B. Berger is a professor and the senior associate dean in the College of Education at the University of Massachusetts. He has just been named chair of the Global Higher Education and Research Group of the Worldwide Universities Network. He manages education development projects in a variety of international settings, including Afghanistan, Palestine, Pakistan, Malawi and Somalia. He remains joyfully married to **Cecilia Merrill Berger ’88**. They live in Belchertown, Mass. Their oldest daughter, Rose, is a doctoral student in linguistics at Yale. Their daughter, Sara, graduated with a bachelor’s in hospitality and tourism management at UMass and is now the conference services coordinator at the Natick Crowne Plaza. Their son, Lewis, is a junior at Lawrence, where he is double majoring in international studies and economics. He is the newly elected LUC president and serves as captain for the LU soccer team.

Martha M. Buche is an artist working in metal, printmaking, painting, fiber, photography, drawing and marble. She displayed work in the VIVA Gallery this fall. Buche will be an artist-in-residence this year at a LaCrosse, Wis., public school. She teaches parent-child classes at Pleasant Ridge Waldorf School and arts classes at Youth Initiative High School, both in Viroqua, Wis. She spent two weeks in Italy last September with one of her high school students who won an international sculpture contest. They worked in Carrara sculpting her design in marble and installing it on an international children’s heart hospital. It was great to get back to Italy and practice Italian! In addition, Martha teaches lots of classes with Driftless Folk School out of La Farge, Wis. She and her husband, Jim Pattison, live on 11 acres outside of Westby, Wis., in Vernon County. Their kids, Kate and Liam, are 21 and 17 this year. The nest will soon be empty, but those baby birds can really fly!

Carrie Drake and **Cranston Paull** find it hard to believe that three decades have elapsed since graduation. They, along with their children and dogs, continue to enjoy living in Providence, R.I., which HP Lovecraft once described aptly as “that universal haven of the odd, the free and the dissenting.”

Anne-Marie Feyrer-Melk is the president and co-founder (with Steve Feyrer-Melk, Ripon ’86) of the Optimal Heart Center in Scottsdale, Ariz. Optimal Heart Center is celebrating its fifth year in sub-specialty concierge medicine. The OHC thrives by providing cutting-edge cardiovascular prevention services as elite care to its membership. As her ultimate true joy, however, Anne-Marie mothers four bursting daughters. Her favorite place is horseback riding into an Arizona sunset, followed by hiking a new desert mountain trail. She luckily keeps contact with **Julie Wick Sonneborn ’86**, **Georgia Ponos Marshall ’85**, **Kirsten Palmquist ’86**, **Johnna Mosbarger ’85** and **Jennifer Jordan Wood ’86**.

Capt. John K. Hellermann still lives in Portland, Ore., and continues to do much the same as he has done for the past 30 years: read much, write some, struggle with language, teach a bit, play some music, walk in the woods, drink beer, study the mundane, live with an inspiring veterinarian, Conny, and two loud dogs. Light, more light.

Linda Minnick Langkos shares that she was remarried in 2015 to a wonderful “Wisconsin guy!” Her blended family includes a 16-year-old daughter, a 20-year-old daughter and a 22-year-old son. They live on the west side of Minneapolis and recently completed construction on a home on Balsam Lake, Wis. There have been a lot of wonderful changes in Linda’s life. She still works at Aon Hewitt as a partner responsible for client management in the Minneapolis market. She has joined the 2017 Reunion Planning Committee and hopes to see all her classmates at the Reunion!

Jonathon D. Richards is happily married to Andrea, the proud father of 9-year-old Alex and living on the east side of Milwaukee. Having left the Wisconsin Legislature after 16 years of service, he is now a partner in a small law firm in Milwaukee. He also serves as a consultant for Clean Wisconsin, an environmental advocacy organization, and leads a multidisciplinary coalition to address opioid abuse. He helped restart the American Constitution Society in Milwaukee and serves on its board as well as on the boards of the Milwaukee County Medical Society and Immanuel Presbyterian Church. He has been a mentor in the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program for the past eight years. Sailing, camping, biking and politics (oh, politics) keep Jon busy in his free time. At the urging of fellow classmate **Fred Slater**, Jon hopes to be on campus for the Reunion.

Jeffrey A. Walker has been back at UW-Milwaukee for six years as director of research in the Development and Alumni Relations Office. He leads a wonderful team of two full-time assistant directors and two part-time student assistants. He and his partner celebrated their 30th anniversary in January. Where has all the time gone? In other news: He continues to serve on the editorial advisory committee for *Connections*,

which is published by the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement. He is still working on writing a science fiction novel, in fits and starts when he has longish stretches of unfettered time, during stay-cations.

Carol Rupnow Willick shares that she proudly has two sons in college, ran her first 13.1/half marathon in Louisville, K.Y., in April 2016, broke her foot running a 5K in September 2016, found her soul mate and moved into a nice, large office at G2 Insurance Services after writing the biggest account in the agency. It has been a very fun, transitional and interesting year!

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Michael R. Bergman has lived in Minneapolis for over 25 years. He and his wife, Carrie, are getting ready to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary! Even though it is a crazy cold place at times, they love living close to the city lakes, walking to the coffee shop and even getting to church by bike! Their kids (ages 5, 6 and 11) keep them hopping and laughing! After nearly 20 years at NWA and Delta Air Lines, Michael is now five years into a new career at Optum Health. He is still wondering if one day they might live overseas or in the mountains. Hopefully.

Delia M. Duchicela is global health senior program coordinator for the Office of Special Programs at the Texas A&M University School of Public Health. After Lawrence, she worked in international development for 10 years. She then went back to school and graduated with two masters degrees in public health and advertising. She is glad Lawrence still has that sense of international studies/relations. It has helped Delia navigate through her world. She would love to hear from classmates and other alumni.

Melissa Pahel Jacks looks forward to retirement after 29 years in education, the last nine of which have been in gifted and talented services. After May, she will do a bit more traveling, relaxing and some part-time work.

Greta Schewe Konradt still lives in Germany, west of Heidelberg, working full time in classical concert management, including sponsoring and fundraising. Recently, she translated a book into English by the conductor Helmuth Rilling on Johannes Brahms’ *German Requiem*. It gives insights into the background of the work and aids for performance practice. She came back to the States last Easter for a visit to the East Coast and hopes to be back for the 30th Reunion this coming June. She hopes to see you there!

Gregory K. Layton is still in Rochester, Minn., with his wife, Donna, and two wonderful daughters, Makena (15) and Kyra (12). His girls spend their free time riding horses (90 percent), skiing (8 percent) and playing golf (2 percent). So he will be working forever. He is still at U.S. Bank. Life is good.

If all goes as planned, by the time **Peter O. McGaffigan** rolls into Appleton for the Reunion, he will have celebrated his daughter’s college graduation, her

twin brothers’ successful completion of their first year of college and his 25th wedding anniversary. They have been blessed.

Lisa (Schmidt) ’85 and **Peter Mierzwa** are excited to have their son Henry running at Marquette University and their younger son Philip deciding on a college where he can play soccer next year. Lisa keeps busy with tennis, family scheduling, attending the boys events and the occasional freelance graphic design projects. Peter has been focused on strategic planning and developing a digital platform for the Law Bulletin Publishing Co. in Chicago. Henry is enjoying college, majoring in business and computer science, and being part of the outdoor track and field team that won the Big East Championship. Philip completed his high school soccer career as the all-time leader in points (goals and assists) in school history and was recognized as an Illinois All-Sectional Forward. They’ve enjoyed regular family get-togethers with other LU alums and are looking forward to the 2017 Reunion.

For the past 11 years, **Lisa Kanitz Roskom** has worked as a laboratory evaluation officer (microbiologist) for the State of Wisconsin. That means she travels all over the state and audits milk and water labs for FDA and EPA compliance. (In other words, she makes people nervous!) She is also on the executive board of the Wisconsin Laboratory Association, where she was honored to be named “Laboratorian of the Year” in 2016. Last year she and her husband, Randy, celebrated their 20th anniversary. Every year has been a blessing! She sings in the newVoices choir, led by Professor Phillip Swan (formerly led by Rick Bjella). Their concerts are in the LU Chapel. It is great to sing in such a wonderful space!

Kristin Halverson Tetzke looks forward to our Reunion and hopes you all will join us! She still lives in Germantown, Wis., and keeps busy working full time as an operations manager at a staffing and employment firm. She also directs the adult vocal and hand bell ensembles at her church. She and her husband, Ken, are settled into the empty nest but all daughters are at least close by. Tara is a surgical RN and ortho nursing coordinator in Milwaukee. Lauren teaches seventh grade literacy in the Williams Bay/Lake Geneva area, and Maddie plays soccer and studies kinesiology at UWM, looking toward physical therapy school in 2018. Ken is looking forward to his planned retirement in February 2018 after 30+ years at Proctor & Gamble. They are all looking forward to their oldest daughter’s wedding next December!

James D. Wagner is having a wonderful time teaching his 29th year at John Burroughs School in St. Louis, where several classmates attended. His children are grown with the eldest in medical school, the middle pursuing acting in L.A. and the youngest finishing his senior year at Duke. Surprisingly, James and his wife find themselves busier than ever but enjoy time with friends and traveling.

After a two-year teaching sabbatical and furlough in the states, **Lewis E. Winkler** and his wife of nearly 27 years, Barbara, returned in June 2016 to Singapore, where he has been a professor of theology and ethics at the East Asia School of Theology since 2006. They are now “empty nesters,” leaving all three kids back in the U.S. Their oldest, Beth, married Mario Montano last March in Redlands, Calif. They live and work in L.A., and she will graduate from Cal State, Northridge in May 2017 with a B.A. in philosophy. She plans to attend law school. Their middle child, Josh, graduated in May 2016 from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago with a B.A. in intercultural studies and married Kathryn Brushaber last June in Rochester, Minn. He is a pastor of middle school ministries at Christ Community Church, Rochester. They’re hoping for some grandkids soon! Their youngest, Chrissy, is still single and a junior nursing major at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. They thank God for His goodness!

Janine M. Yanisch is married to **Chris Jankowski ’84** and teaches classroom music and band at Rochester Montessori School. They live in Rochester, Minn., with their 16-year-old daughter, Maria. She still plays saxophone. The three of them love attending Tritone Jazz Camp at Björklunden every year!

Michael D. Youngblood left Brooklyn, N.Y., for San Francisco in 2013 and has been enjoying life among the sea lions and redwoods. He continues to work as a consultant in human-centered design and innovation, with a focus on challenges related to environmental sustainability and social justice. His book, *Cultivating Community*, about a big social movement in India, was finally completed and published in 2016—much to the relief of his wife, Mary Ellen.

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Anthony J. Gattuso and his wife, Jen, have been married for 23 years. They have lived in Mt. Prospect, Ill., for 21 years and spend most summer weekends at their cottage in Camp Lake, Wis. They have a 21-year-old son, Tony Jr., who is a junior at Lawrence, and a high school senior, Joe, who intends to go to Kendall College to become a chef.

Anthony P. Grade and his wife, **Megan Burdick-Grade ’90**, still live in Appleton, Wis., and will celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary this summer. Anthony is with Guardian Life Insurance Co. with 25 years of service this year. Megan has been a marriage and family counselor with Samaritan Counseling Center for 19 years. They have two wonderful boys. Forrest is now a college freshman, and although he attends Ripon College, they still love him. Dillon is 13 years old and loves soccer, so they spend a lot of time year-round driving him to practices and games—love watching him play. They also have an energetic 18-month-old Weimaraner dog named Zelda. Unfortunately, 2016 was extremely difficult for them as their third child, Alden, passed away

in June 2016 at age 15. Not a moment goes by that they are not thinking about him. They truly miss their little A-Man.

Since 2012, **Mary Louise Knutson** has toured around the country playing piano with trumpeter Doc Severinsen, former bandleader for the *Tonight Show* starring Johnny Carson. For the first three years, they toured doing big band shows for four to six weeks every spring and fall, and these last two years they’ve been doing symphony shows with major orchestras about once a month. Doc is a young 89, still plays incredibly well, still wears those flashy clothes and is a pleasure to be around. Mary is really enjoying the experience and feels lucky to have landed such a fun gig! Her beau, **Michael Nelson**, who attended LU in ’79 for one year, is also on these tours as Doc’s lead trombonist, so that makes it even sweeter!

In 2015, **Elizabeth A. Lehfeldt** became the founding dean of the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Honors College at Cleveland State University, where she has been on the faculty since 1995. The position includes an endowed chair in the humanities.

Meta Muehleisen McKinney still lives in the Chicago suburbs but is looking at downsizing and moving into the city this summer. She and her daughter would love to be able to take in more of what the city has to offer. She transferred to a new job with Allstate and is looking forward to the new opportunities and learning ahead. It’s hard to believe, but her 17-year-old, Ben, has been accepted to Lawrence for Fall 2017! Right now, it looks like that might be his choice, but she is also quite aware that the decision could change tomorrow (or even this afternoon). She would love to see him at Lawrence so is crossing her fingers.

Tim A. Micheau and **Gail Feldman Micheau ’90** are still in Naperville, Ill., and will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year. They have one less child in the house this year as their daughter, Hannah, is now in college at Hope College in Holland, Mich. Their son, Ben, will enter high school next year. He switched from teaching high school science at Wheaton Warrenville High School to teaching science at Edison Middle School.

Robert A. Pope loves his daughters Eliza and Katrina. Bob serves as an expert witness and provides litigation support services for environmental law cases and is often named as an expert in forensic photogrammetry. On occasion he works on real estate law and criminal law cases. He is the past president of the Southwestern United States Region of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. The Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers published a paper he authored in 2009 that coined the term “forensic aerial photography.” Every Sunday Bob can be found hosting services for Dr. Jim Turrell’s Center for Spiritual Living—Newport Mesa, in Irvine, Calif., where he also serves as assistant music director and often serves as song leader. Bob is also on the board of directors for

PublicWatchdogs.org, where he closely works with local government and Native American leaders on important environmental issues.

Michael W. Taylor and his family have been busy over the years. They moved to Bismarck, N.D., where he is an associate professor of education at the University of Mary. His oldest and youngest sons are graduating this spring. Michael will graduate from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., and Douglas will graduate from Bismarck High School. Lawrence is toward the top of Douglas’s considerations for college. Their son August is a sophomore at the University of Mary and daughter Frances is a sophomore at Bismarck High School. His wife, Kate, teaches first grade in Bismarck at St. Ann Catholic Elementary School. They are enjoying their move west from Wisconsin. The vast scenery is beautiful—especially along with Missouri River and the Badlands!

’89

Amy Atalla Hill, photographer and owner of Shine Photografx, wife of **Rowan Atalla, ’92**, is publishing a book of protest signs from the Women’s March on Madison on Jan. 21, 2017. This was Amy’s favorite shoot off all time, a bit reminiscent of one of her favorite rebels, Janis Joplin. It will be available for purchase in February 2017.

In addition to being a proud graduate, **Elizabeth Bast** is now an even prouder parent of a Lawrentian. Her son **Ben Schultz ’20** began his studies at Lawrence this fall. Elizabeth now wants to go again just to be able to experience the vastly improved dining options! Since earning a master’s in library and information science at University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee in 2010 as part of a mid-career shift, Elizabeth has become increasingly active with the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association. She recently completed a two-year stint as chair of the Best Fiction for Young Adults committee, which required reading an enormous pile of YA fiction.

Siri Engberg lives in Minneapolis with her husband, Marty Broan, and their children, Simon (16) and Eliza (14). Siri is senior curator of visual arts and director of exhibitions management at the Walker Art Center, which presents contemporary art across the disciplines of visual arts, film and performing arts.

Dr. Nicholas Marsh lives in Charlestown, Mass., (“The Town”) with his wife, Julia, and 10-year-old son Xavier. He is approaching his 10th year at Bristol-Myers Squibb, where he heads the biomolecular characterization group, and his fifth year of teaching translational pharmacology at the Harvard Medical School. This spring, he will turn 50 and run the Boston Marathon with the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team.

Ray E. Ostwald spent a week last fall in Quito, Ecuador, performing on violin with the Ecuador National



KATE MCCREA ’90

It started with a sick trick-or-treater. Years later, McCrea’s Candies is a go-to company for caramel lovers across the country. But that path to success involved many steps.

Kate (Michmerhuizen) McCrea graduated from Lawrence with a B.A. in biology. She met her future husband, Jason, a fellow scientist, while working in arctic Alaska as a research assistant. Kate says

their time in Alaska was “the most valuable experience we’ve had. We had to be extremely resourceful and resilient to get through the good times and bad. The more fun you can have while navigating that, the more fun you can have with the highs and lows of life.”

Next came earning a master’s degree, a few cross-country moves and three children (to name just a few highlights). Kate began working for several Montessori schools and even ended up working as the director of marketing and development at Thacher Montessori School in Milton, Mass., a suburb of Boston.

Enter the trick-or-treat story. A family friend’s daughter was too ill to trick-or-treat for Halloween, so Jason whipped up a batch of homemade caramels for her. The sweet treat received rave reviews. Around this same time, the Great Recession was taking place and Kate and Jason were at a crossroads. They took a vacation to clear their heads, open their minds and talk about the future. They decided they “wanted to bring together our broad interests. We knew we loved people and we loved science and we loved the idea of doing something new and different for ourselves.” A plan started to form. Kate and Jason talked to experts, did plenty of research and created a comprehensive business plan. Soon, McCrea’s Candies started to take shape.

“We had to learn about everything: food licenses, commercial kitchens, HR, packaging, how to rent space, how to structure workflow. It’s fascinating, fun and interesting to manage all these things,” says Kate.

Kate is in charge of marketing and product development, while Jason is the chief caramel scientist and CFO. Together the two of them have built a successful enterprise.

“In 2016, we significantly ramped-up production numbers and increased our staff two-fold. We expanded into more than 450 retail outlets throughout North America and placed our caramel in Barneys of New York, Bloomingdales, Anthropologie and other well-known retailers,” says Kate.

And despite what Kate has learned on her journey to success, it’s her time at Lawrence that first prepped her for life as a thriving business owner.

“My time at Lawrence gave me my first taste of putting things together, of discovering what you don’t know and finding uncommon connections,” Kate says. “I have been able to draw on my experiences from Lawrence for years, even when I’m not aware of it.”



It was a day for celebrating when Lan Huang '93 rang the NASDAQ opening bell March 9 in recognition of her company Beyondspring Inc. going public.

Symphony and working with orchestra students at the Cotopaxi International School. He also managed to rent a motorcycle for some riding in the Andes Mountains. He is in his 26th year of teaching high school orchestra, the last 21 at York Community High School in Elmhurst, Ill. He enjoys performing as a freelance violinist and violist around the Chicago area in a variety of ensembles and venues. He lives in Lombard, Ill., with wife Leah and daughter Audrey, who is 7. He is a founding and active member of the Illinois Comprehensive Musicianship through Performance leadership committee, a very rewarding component of his music teaching career.

Katherine Thistle Rivard lives in Oakdale, Minn. She and her family moved there three years ago. Small houses are joyful. Corporate health care was one of those wonderful learning steps. She now works on screening health for insurance companies to then build sustainable health. Feel free to check out the tiny website she maintains: stepwisehealth.org.

'91

Dimitri Brzoso and his wife, Deserie, live in New Jersey with their five children. Dimitri has worked with the USPS for 20 years and for the last three years as a quality analyst. Last year Deserie published her first book, *Violet Blooms*, through Raven Seduction Press. They are working on a joint project in the paranormal/romance genre.

Julia Hillbrick Gaines' first solo CD came out in January 2017 on the Centaur record label. The CD is called *Tiger Dance* and is mostly comprised of four-mallet marimba music. Julia will also have her second book coming out in a series devoted to four-mallet marimba technique. Her first book came out in 2011 and has sold over 1,500 copies. The pedagogical video series produced for Book 1 is sponsored by Vic Firth

MPLS Thrivent Financial and successfully picked up tennis a few years ago. Daughter Bela is a hardworking student and violin player and is just getting into running and training. Son Mario loves to talk and play tennis and believes one day he will rule the world; maybe a future lawyer?

Eric E. Palmer will marry his true love, Michaela Otto, Heidelberg, in “La Serenissima”—Venice, Italy—on May 19. In August Eric moved with Michaela and her Waldorf-schooled children to the North Sea vacation resort and port town of Cuxhaven, where he works from home as a full-time technical translator for TransMission, a Stuttgart translation agency. Michaela works as a part-time caregiver and teaches meditation and quantum entrainment. He also hopes to pass his naturopathy exam this year.

Thayer E. Reed joined the team at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago. Thayer works on executive education programs, new degree offerings and student recruitment. She enjoys working with great staff and faculty who are passionate about making the world a better place. She looks forward to recruiting more Lawrence alumni to the Harris School.

Sarah M. Tyriver lives in Lansing, Mich., and was joyfully married in December to Kris Gaumer.

To give the children of **Michael P. Willis** the benefit of a new worldview, his children Maddie (17), Katie (7) and Libby (4) spent a week in the care of his parents while Michael and his wife, LeAnn, conducted extensive research on the ideal reclining angle of lounge chairs in Cancun. This was a masterful plan by most any standard. The children enjoyed unfettered access to sugar, hugs and YouTube, while Michael and LeAnn masqueraded—none too convincingly—as newlyweds. Maddie graduated from high school this January and will enter college this fall to study pre-med. Katie dreams of becoming a police officer, and Libby regales the family with tales of her imaginary friend Chookie. Michael remains gainfully employed at the University of Dubuque as the director of media services, and each fall teaches UD's version of *Freshman Studies* to first-year students.

Thomas Zoellner is in his sixth year as an associate professor of English at Chapman University. He serves as the politics editor of the *Los Angeles Review of Books* and accepted a position as a visiting professor of English at Dartmouth College this summer. He is working on a new book about slavery in the Caribbean.

'92

Compiled and submitted by Lisa Orzepowski Hearld

It seems impossible that we graduated from Lawrence nearly 25 years ago. Especially when getting together with fellow Lawrentians always turns back time so quickly and reminds us all of hilarious stories, cringe-worthy fashions and haircuts, and thoughtful remembrances of favorite classes or professors. Thinking back to campus life, who would have thought we'd be where we are today? We are an amazing group of graduates with professional accomplishments,

awards, publications, travel stories, growing families and countless ways in which we've given back to the world. Each rich story of our classmates tells a different journey—here are some highlights. For more details, see you at Reunion, June 15–17.

Molly M. Arason has re-invented herself again as a second-grade teacher and loves it. “With my own second grader (and a kindergartener) at home, it's a great match.” She and her husband, Sandy, live in the greater Boston area and love exploring.

Molly's old roommate **Carol S. Backstrom** lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Scott Chambers. Recently she hosted several Lawrentians for an Alice Peacock house concert the night before the Women's March on Washington. In attendance were **Kathleen Brennan, Maria Datch, Brian Krekel, Libby Andrews Mueller, Meghan Walsh** and **Alice Peacock**. Here's hoping the band gets back together in June!

Kathleen Brennan also lives in D.C. with her lovable dog rescue, Kody. She is the research and evaluation advisor for the AARP Foundation, helping the foundation measure and communicate the impact of its programs serving low-income seniors. In her free time, she enjoys many outdoor and creative endeavors, in particular painting. She regularly shows her increasingly more abstract art work around the city.

Next stop is Texas, where we can find **Korin Wilk Brody** living in a Houston suburb with her husband and two boys, ages 14 and 12. Since moving to Texas, she has run her own business teaching public and private yoga classes, conducting workshops and training teachers. She is enjoying life, good barbecue and Tex Mex food.

Also living in Texas is **Daniel J. Kelly**, who resides in Dallas with his wife, Kim, and two kids ages 14 and 11. He is the vice president and associate general counsel for Vistra Energy, the parent company of the largest power generator in Texas and the largest retail electric provider in the state, which is almost the same role he was in at LU as a clown/cowboy/priest.

Right next to Texas is Warsaw, Poland, where **Dorota B. Dabrowski** is still living. She has run the American Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw since 2002. Her daughter/bundle of joy, Dafne, is getting ready to go to first grade in September. She tries to get to Chicago as much as she can to see **Jill Swick**, the woman with a million-plus airline miles and an impressive holiday sock collection.

Shelley A. Davis is also in the Windy City. She is the president/executive director of the Forest Preserve Foundation. In addition, she is a lecturer and senior mentor at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy. Shelly and her husband, Omar, have two kids: daughter Naima, 12, and son Sage, 8.

Michele Mladejovsky Christiansen lives in Salt Lake City, where she has been on the Utah Court of Appeals for seven years. She will become the court's associate presiding judge this summer, and she just received an award from the Utah State Bar for her work in promoting the advancement of women in the legal profession.

Rock on, Michele! This busy single mom also has a daughter heading off to college in the fall and a younger daughter finishing her freshman year in high school.

Like Michele, **Jennifer L. Baumgardner** works tirelessly for the advancement of women. She still lives in New York City with her two sons, Skuli and Magnus, husband Michael, and two cats, Bikini and Kettingur. Jen is the executive director and publisher of the Feminist Press, but will step down in May to pursue some other exciting projects full time. “I'm still obsessed with books, writing, theatre and feminism, so I haven't changed much since my time at Lawrence—just lots more wrinkles.”

Dwelling in “one of the last fact-based bastions of sanity otherwise known as Vermont,” we find **R. Breckenridge Knauff**. He heads up the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps and is blessed to have work with purpose and meaning. His wife and two kind and creative daughters, ages 12 and 14, spend their winters wishing for more snow and skating down their long driveway (don't try this); spring brings apple blossoms and a symphony of amphibiap; summer brings skinny dipping in the pond, s'mores and fireflies, and lots of mountain biking (do try this). And lastly, fall brings hard cider and good walks in the hills for Breck and his family.

Who knew there would be so many classmates in Indiana? **Jay W. Roberts** works in academic affairs at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., where he also teaches classes in environmental studies. He is married to Marcie, and they have two daughters, ages 10 and 12. Jay's family enjoys traveling, and they recently returned from five months in New Zealand leading Earlham's semester study abroad there for the third time.

Christine Mitchell Schertz lives in West Lafayette, Ind., with her husband, Derrick Schertz, and two kids, Michael and Katharine. After a stint teaching organic chemistry laboratory at Purdue, she is in the process of job-hunting. In addition to her never-ending domestic engineering duties, she is an avid volunteer and plays bass in a rock band.

And lastly in Indiana, **Karyn Lynn Montgomery Todor** and her husband, James L. Todor, live in Trafalgar. She has been employed as a speech-language pathologist in the public schools for 20 years. She recently accepted a volunteer position as Indiana's State Education Advocacy Leader with the American Speech and Hearing Association. “My husband and I have two daughters (ages 11 and 14) who love to sing and act as much as they love to play competitive basketball and softball.”

Over in Minnesota, **Clinton W. Schneider**, his wife of 22 years, Jen, and their two teenagers and are very busy contemplating how they got so old. After a decade in South Carolina, during which he finished his Ph.D., they moved up to the Twin Cities. It is with great difficulty that he has to admit to his Vikings' fan colleagues that they love living in Plymouth, Minn. Clint has been involved in the medical device industry for over 20 years.

Margaret Magee Peltier and her husband, David, have been raising their kids, ages 17, 15 and 12, in

Chanhassen, Minn. Margaret has been learning about autism spectrum disorder, taking writing classes, volunteering with a state prison writing program, becoming more politically active, beekeeping and engaging in a more forward-focused mode of thinking than she has since her LU graduation. “It's a time for me to explore long-held interests that have, until now, been set aside, and I feel more ready than ever to take on new adventures and challenges!”

And now for the Cheeseheads: In Wausau you'll find **Anita Bublik Anderson**. Since graduation, she traveled around and lived in Chicago and New York before moving back to Wisconsin five years ago. Married for 14 years to Jan Bublik, they have three kids and a puppy. She is a physician and breast cancer survivor (two years), and she works in medical education.

Sarah Feldt Wilson is married to **Scott Wilson '91**—together they have a 16-year-old daughter who plays viola and has her dad's same sarcastic sense of humor. When not busy at work as an orthopedics surgery coordinator, Sarah can be found walking her dog around Stoughton, Wis., where she lives. Her favorite memories from college are hanging out with Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters, playing in the orchestra and working on the Celebrate! committee.

Michael J. Emery and wife **Anissa Schneider Emery '93** are in Appleton. Mike is in his 10th year as a school psychologist in the Menasha Joint School District. Oldest daughter Amelia is a sophomore at Northwestern University and son Ben is a junior at Appleton East High School. More stories and laughs await for those of you that come to Reunion.

Erik Hoyer and wife Jennifer (Krewson) Hoyer live in the Green Bay area. Jennifer is a pediatrician for Aurora Medical Group and Erik is the director of research for Ruffalo Noel Levitz, a higher education consulting company. Erik was also recently elected to his third term as a Brown County Supervisor, representing the downtown and near east side of Green Bay in the county legislature.

Gina Seegers Szablewski said it best: “I never intended to be a teacher, but after 15 years in the geology department at UW–Milwaukee, I have realized how well LU prepared me for this career. I love sharing my passion for geology and science with students and enjoy the relative freedom of an academic career. I find myself thinking of and saying the same things that Professor Ross did in my classes at LU. And I am constantly intertwining science with other areas such as art, music and literature, strongly tying me to my liberal arts education.” **Josh Szablewski '94** and Gina have been together for 27 years. Most of their time is spent supporting their two teenagers in their academics and swimming careers in and around Shorewood. They also like to eat, drink and hike.

Cheryl Timm Keopanya and **Poutha A. Keopanya** keep quite busy with their 3 boys (ages 5, 10 and 12) and still live in the Caledonia/Racine area. They are planning to make it to the Reunion this year and would love to catch up with some old friends from LU '92.



ERICA ELIA '99

B.A. in anthropology from LU? Check.
J.D. from Marquette University? Check.
Successful business owner of Classy Girl Cupcakes? Check.

Erica Elia '99 wanted cupcakes for her 2009 wedding, but was having a hard time finding a bakery willing to do it. She even turned to Craigslist ... but got stood up.

So, in true Lawrentian fashion, Erica decided if no one could do it for her, she would just do it herself. She had always liked to bake, but never imagined it would be anything more than a hobby. She also didn't anticipate she'd spend the night before her wedding baking.

Turns out it was time well spent. Her guests raved about her cupcakes and started asking her to make treats for their upcoming weddings. Within a year, Erica had catered 35 weddings, all the while practicing law full time and preparing to be a mom. The cupcake business flourished and, having been born with an entrepreneurial spirit, Erica took a chance and focused all of her energy and attention on opening a storefront cupcake shop.

"It required a capacity for risk I didn't know I had in me," she says. "It is not for the faint of heart."

Classy Girl Cupcakes opened its retail bakery Nov. 23, 2010, in one of the most happening areas in Milwaukee, and has been thriving since.

Congratulations to Erica and the entire Classy Girl Cupcakes team.

'95

Compiled and submitted by Jennifer Kasloski Plamann

The **Class of 1995** is as busy as ever, working across the country and around the globe to create, cultivate and connect!

Dr. Gregory Beyer has spent two decades pursuing his passion for the Afro-Brazilian berimbau musical bow. In 2015, he traveled to Brazil as a Fulbright Scholar to perform, teach and research. He gave a seminar on the berimbau at the School of Music of the Federal University of Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte and dove into the physical and musical training of Capoeira Angola, the martial art to which the berimbau is centrally positioned. During this time, he “developed friendships within a complex matrix of communities inside the same city, by day teaching at the conservatory, and by night training and playing Capoeira.” His research there led to an invitation to travel to Africa to perform and present at the first Bow Music Conference in Durban, South Africa, in February 2016. Since returning to the U.S., he has transformed his passion into a nonprofit organization, Arcomusical, about which he recently spoke on NPR’s *Weekend Edition*. He and his ensemble have also released an album entitled *MeiaMeia*.

Jason M. Kruk’s new record *Beyond the Veil* features members of Snarky Puppy, Wayne Krantz, Adam Rogers and Fima Ephron. Check out jasonkruk.com for details.

Karl Orvik is a violinist living in Boston. In addition to freelancing, he performs regularly as a member of the Boston Public Quartet and Trio Klaritas and teaches in a variety of settings throughout the area. In the summer, he serves on the string faculty at Point Counterpoint in Vermont and the Youth and Muse festival in Boston. He lives with his wife, pianist **Stephanie Otto Orvik '96**, who is on the piano faculty at Concord Academy. They have two sons, one a sophomore in college and the other a sophomore in high school. Karl and Stephanie “both have very fond memories of Lawrence and hope to come back to visit sometime in the near future!”

Madhura Samarth Nathwani lives and works in Mumbai, India, where her company, Ripple Digital (ripplemedia.co), recently launched the first video-driven travel website, laylaslist.com. Her team has covered 150 curated properties across India, from the deserts of Rajasthan to the Himalayan mountains and the natural root bridges in the Northeast. She invites “Lawrentians to check out the platform and come visit India!”

Travel has become a way of life for **Bridget “Brie” Lamers**, her husband of 20 years, Bjorn Leonards, and their three kids. They have been “traveling the world with [their] carry-on backpacks for the last three years ... an amazing journey which has brought deeper understanding of limitlessness, fullest potential and boundless freedom.” While daughter Gianna (19) lives in Berlin, Germany, Brie, Bjorn, Luka (17) and Zora (7) have settled for one year in Lyons, Colo. They are

spending time snowboarding, skiing and playing while developing a coaching business for “people who seem to have it made, yet know there must be more, but cannot find a way to the more.” By unschooling their kids and being present and alive together, they are consciously creating every moment of life and sharing this process with others. Brie shares, “We are very fulfilled and excited to serve the world with Presencing practice! Diving deep. Feeling the love.”

This spring **Jennifer Kosloski Plamann** and her three Valley New School colleagues will spend a week in the Netherlands in collaboration with new friends at Agora Roermond, an innovative project-based school very similar to VNS, as well as participate in a UW–Madison research study on conferring and personalized learning. In June, she will lead 10 students to Costa Rica and Nicaragua for an 11-day field study. August will find her with her three daughters, parents, siblings, and nieces and nephews on Madeline Island and Isle Royale, hiking, biking, kayaking, sailing and just relaxing. In between, she welcomes you to visit her at home in Appleton, just three blocks from LU.

'97

Compiled and submitted by Alice Randolph Kroh

Nate Amundson completed his master of music in music education degree at Kent State University in December 2016.

Stacci Cook Barganz has been busy presenting at multiple conferences, including ICE, WEMTA, IETC, Midwest (Google) Summit and ISTE. She is the president-elect for the Southern Lakes Advanced Learner Network and Leadership Chair and Program Chair of WEMTA. These positions allow her to share her knowledge gained from her position as the gifted and talented coordinator for the Fort Atkinson School District. She was honored as the recipient of the 2016 National Javits-Frasier Scholar through the National Association for Gifted Children. Her work life is full, but she still enjoys “hanging out with my husband and four children in south-central Wisconsin.”

Rebecca Grendysa Benishek has been happily working at the Crisis Prevention Institute in Milwaukee as the company's social media and community manager. She works with eight external social networks and two internal Yammer communities with the goal of helping to “provide person-centered care and safely prevent damaging or violent behavior.” She is making a difference, and in 2016 was one of 4,000 people worldwide recognized as a Microsoft Most Valuable Professional.

Sarah Johnson Campbell and **Ben Campbell** and their four children are proud to call Appleton their home. Sarah is a pediatrician and Ben is the director of annual giving for LU.

Kendra Bij nagte Cuthbertson lives in Minneapolis with her husband, Sol, and their two daughters, Saskia Lisbet (5) and Tira Joanna (2.5). She is a French interpreter for St. Paul Public Schools and the University Language Center.

Amy Marks Delaney and **Scott Delaney** recently moved to Chester County, Penn., with their son, Liam. While busy preparing to move Amy was able to write and publish a book in 2016 titled *Growing Together Across the Autism Spectrum: A Kid's Guide to Living With, Learning From, and Loving a Parent with Autism Spectrum Disorder*. This is an area that really needs more resources, and we are lucky Amy took the time to thoughtfully consider this topic. In addition to writing, Amy has created her own business using her 20 years of experience in the museum field and is now the proud owner of Tangibilia, which specializes in development of museum exhibitions. Scott works for W.L. Gore & Associates.

Jolie J. Graf is the proud owner of a condo on Madison’s east side. “Two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a balcony and a separate one-car garage. I no longer have to clean off my car before heading to work in our snowy, icy winters and once again have enough room to showcase or store everything I own!”

Alison C. Hurwitz and **Charles R. Holst** were married in 2000. They have two boys: Jorian, almost 8, and Zemer, almost 5. They live in San Jose, Calif. Charlie is director of biology at a startup company in Mountain View, Calif., where he is daily challenged and inspired. Alison is a ballroom dancing instructor and professional officiant for weddings and other significant life events. She “loves her work and feels passionate about creating meaningful experiences for people of all backgrounds and beliefs.”

Arif M. Khan recently accepted the position of director of the University of New Mexico Art Museum in his hometown of Albuquerque. He is honored to serve at his alma mater, where he received an M.A.

Alice Randolph Kroh and her husband, Reed, and two daughters Emily (13) and Brigid (11) welcomed John Patrick McClelland Kroh to the family on April 14, 2016. He is keeping everyone on their toes and is beloved by his big sisters.

Benjamin S. Longlet and his wife, Julie, adopted their daughter, Madelyn Jua, from South Korea in April 2016. Along with this major life change, Ben and his wife and daughter moved to San Ramon, Calif., where Ben serves as senior litigation counsel at Chevron.

Dr. Kirsten J. Nordt resides in Guilford, Conn., where she has practiced veterinary medicine at Guilford Veterinary Hospital since graduating from veterinary school in 2006. She divorced in 2012 and remains single, but not alone as she is surrounded by her six cats and a Shih Tzu. In November 2016, she purchased a home that “has a fantastic small pond in the back yard.” She is an avid traveler, taking yearly trips to new places, most recently Riviera Maia.

Sarah E. Schott and her husband, Brian King, along with their children Noah (9) and Ethan (11), took an RV trip from Milwaukee to Yellowstone. Lots of driving and together time, but a once-in-a-lifetime experience to be sure. In addition to this family road trip, they were able to explore Iceland, Paris and Israel. Through their travels, Noah and Ethan are looking forward to studying abroad in the future, and this has allowed Sarah to share some

of her wonderful stories of the LU London Center. When not traveling, Sarah serves as the chief compliance officer for Northwestern Mutual, and Brian is the director of innovation at the Milwaukee Jewish Day School.

Hyunkack Son and Ruthy, his wife of 14 years, along with their two boys, Arram (11) and Ayin (9), reside in Stockholm, Sweden. Hyunkack is the head of product directors at LG Electronics Nordic AB, with its business territories in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland. They are “enjoying the wonderful nature, clean air, shy but nice Swedes and the high economic standard where premium products are in high demand.” If you are in Sweden, he would love to reconnect with fellow Lawrentians.

Allison Walter Volkman and **Nate Volkman** live in Madison, Wis., where they moved seven years ago after living in Chicago for 13 years. Allison recently restarted her fundraising consulting business, AWW Fundraising, and is working to support social justice, education and arts nonprofit organizations. Nate works in sales at a company called TriBridge, with a focus on health care and information technology. Nate recently retired from a three-year successful stint as a professional Ultimate Frisbee player as a Madison Radical once he realized he was twice the age of some teammates. Allison and Nate still play Ultimate together and enjoy teaching their daughters, ages 10 and 8, to throw and catch and have fun with plastic discs.

Catherine S. Walby is in her 17th year teaching at the Lawrence Academy of Music and Conservatory. Teaching keeps her busy, but she enjoys traveling to see family (**Mom '58, Chad '99** and **Joan '00**), as well as many LU friends around the country.

Sara J. Wegmann recently founded CareerPrep, a coaching and training company that helps college students and recent graduates launch meaningful careers.

Christopher E. Wogaman was called to serve as pastor to Trinity Lutheran Church in Park Forest, Ill., in January. It is his first call, coming after nearly 10 years of waiting. He will be moving from Minneapolis to Homewood, Ill., in the south Chicago suburbs. He welcomes the chance to connect with Lawrentians in the Chicagoland area!

'99

Kelley Stare Arau lives in New York with her husband, **Javier Arau '98**, and two daughters. Kelley is the education director for a company that provides Mayor DiBlasio's Pre-K for All programs. Kelley is also earning a second master's in early childhood educational leadership and is deeply interested in understanding and researching the gross discrepancies in the quality of education a child receives, based on cultural and economic background as well as zip code. In her free time, she enjoys gardening at their country home in the Catskills, working on puzzles and spending time with the family, including their 10-month-old dog Jasper.

Tara Shingle Buzash runs a live music booking business called Sweet Harmony, serving five northeastern states.

Robert Cramer Jr. and spouse, **Kari Heikkila Cramer '00**, live in the beautiful Upper Valley of New England, where Robb is an associate professor of microbiology and immunology at Dartmouth. Robb's research focuses on infectious disease in immune-compromised patients with a focus on fungal-host interactions in the lung. Kari and Robb have three boys who manage to keep Mom and Dad very active and on their toes.

Abram Doval is a software engineer at Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he lives with wife, Arianne Waseen, and their three daughters.

Annie Dude is OB/Gyn specializing in high-risk pregnancies at Northwestern University in Chicago, where she lives with husband, Michael, and their two daughters. Annie has fond memories of Lawrence and would be happy to hear from any classmates.

After moving around the country for many years, **Amy Fettes** and spouse **Titus Seilheimer '00** are enjoying settling down in Manitowoc, Wis. Amy has taken a part-time position as data and finance manager for Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership after seven years at home with their two sons. This past fall, Amy became a member of the inaugural board of directors for the Clipper City Co-op, a grocery store they are working to bring to Manitowoc.

Erin Gargiulo Field and spouse Eric live in Muscatine, Iowa, with a daughter, Elise Soleil. Erin provides college planning, disability advising, test preparation and tutoring services.

Jing Li and **Gabriel Gloege** and big brother Tristan welcomed the arrival of Lucien Maximilian Li Gloege in January in the midst of a snow storm in New York City.

Miranda Bouressa Morton lives in the Twin Cities with her husband and two children. She has been working in charter school administration for almost 10 years and is the founding director for a classical education charter school in Hopkins, Minn. She looks forward to joining the local LU Club and connecting with other Lawrentians.

Brent Tamamoto and wife Sheri completed the Walt Disney World Marathon after running the Honolulu Marathon annually. Brent had flashbacks of running cross country at Lawrence as the temperature at start time was 33 degrees with a wind chill down into the high 20s. Even so, they had a great time.

In 2016, **Scott G. Trigg** defended his dissertation on medieval Islamic astronomy and received a doctorate from the history and history of science departments at UW–Madison. Scott is now a postdoctoral fellow in the History and Philosophy of Science program at the University of Notre Dame. Scott and spouse, KumHee, spent the winter break in Japan.

Brian P. VanDenzen and **Liz Godfrey VanDenzen '98** are new parents to Lucia Randall VanDenzen. Lucia means light, a fitting name for a child born of two Lawrence alumni.

Leslie Vidas lives in Appleton and vigorously pursues art interests and participates in shows across the Fox Valley. Leslie has four children, including **Barry Marquardt '08**, and nine grandchildren.

'01

Compiled and submitted by Lyndsay Sund

Thanks to those few of you who submitted class notes this time around. I hope you are all doing well and finding ways to remain positive and upbeat despite the turmoil we find in the U.S. these days! Please take care of yourselves and your families, and keep in touch, whether it's through LU and these class notes, on Facebook and/or in person.

Alan Andris lives in Pensacola, Fla., with his husband of 12 years. Alan works as a computer instructor at Pyramid Inc., where they provide adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to earn commissions on their original artwork and perform in their yearly theatrical production.

Sarah Kelly married Brian Allard last July at Nashoba Valley Winery in Bolton, Mass.

Joanna Messer Kimmitt is happily newly married to Michael Kimmitt, a friend from high school days. They took their honeymoon in Thailand: four days on a resort in Khao Lak and a couple of days in Bangkok on either side of the beach time! Joanna works as an academic librarian and is figuring out how to get some musical performances back into her life. She was glad to catch up with so many of you at Reunion last summer and looks forward to seeing more of you again for our 20th!

Janine Slaga Larsen lives in Singapore with her husband, Anders, and two sons. She is head of primary Music at UWCSEA, an international school dedicated to educating for a peaceful and sustainable future. At the school she's established a strings program in which every third grade student learns violin or viola, and is implementing a Reggio Emilia-inspired music program in the early childhood classes.

Sarah E. Morris lives in the Minneapolis area after a post-grad stint in Nashville. She released an album last fall and recently did her own radio campaign and got it in the top 100 of the Americana Music Association chart for a month—the kind of story she would have loved to hear when at Lawrence (that plus how all freshman year writing exercises were insanely useful when she moved to Nashville to become a songwriter). She was recently in Appleton for a gig and is planning on touring through Wisconsin again next November. Learn more at sarahmorrismusic.com.

Keith Rose started his master's of music in performance and pedagogy in 2006 at the University of Texas at El Paso while continuing to serve in the U.S. Army. He completed his degree in 2010, moved to El Paso and San Antonio during his time in the Army and finished his military service in June 2011. After his military career, his family moved to the Twin Cities, where he works for the Department of Veterans Affairs

and works as a freelance bass trombonist in the Twin Cities and with the Mankato Symphony. His son, Chris, graduates from St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists in May and has been accepted to Lawrence in the Class of 2020, majoring in theatre and film studies. Keith and his wife enjoy regular trips to campus, including Reunion this past summer.

Lyndsay Sund had a second daughter, Adriana, in November. The sisters adore each other! Still living in Chile, for at least another couple years, and already looking forward to our next Reunion.

'05

Kimberly B. Anderson continues to work as a genetic counselor and the education coordinator for the UW Cytogenetic and Molecular Laboratories at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Brigitte R. Boucher lives in a century-old fixer-upper in the Madison, Wis., area with her husband, 12-year-old stepdaughter and two cats. When they're not playing with power tools, you'll find them painting, gardening, camping or kayaking. For the past four years, Brigitte has worked as a copywriter for Artful Home, an online/catalog retailer (putting both her art major AND English minor to work!). She is involved with the local art studio, Atwood Atelier, and has participated in several group shows with them—they have a show at the Overture Center this summer. She is also excited to be part of the jurying panel for Madison's 2017 Art Fair on the Square this summer.

Tracy M.B. Buck and her husband now have two children, Loretta (2) and William (1). They live in Neenah, Wis., and Tracy is one of the advisors for Kappa Alpha Theta on campus. She teaches in the Appleton District.

William Dalsen and **Audrey Gutfreund '04** were married last August in Boston.

Zachary S. Eustis works as a behavior specialist at an elementary school in Roseville, Minn. He was also named the 2016 National Wiffleball Pitcher of the Year.

Michelle C. Fitzpatrick works at Centene Corp. in Chicago and lives in the beautiful suburb of Oak Lawn, Ill. She got engaged to her best friend, Dan, in September 2016, and they are planning a St. Patrick's Day 2018 wedding.

Jack Gibson Gillette was born Jan. 20, 2016, to **Peter Gillette** and Lizabeth Huey in Chicago.

Natalie J. Hall received a master's degree in library and information science from UW–Milwaukee in 2012 and a master's degree in music from Roosevelt University in 2007. She is the technical services coordinator at Moraine Valley Community College Library in Palos Hills, Ill. She also teaches in the graduate program at Dominican University's School of Information Science and in the library technical assistant program at the College of DuPage.

Andrew E. Hanson-Dvoracek married Kristin Griffiths in October in Cohasset, Mass.

Nicholas Heuer and his wife, Caroline, welcomed a baby boy to their family in September: John Ernest Heuer. His 2-year-old sister, Ruth Esther Heuer, has been quite protective of him. John was born two weeks before Nicholas took a new job; they had a lot of change in 2016.

Elizabeth E. Jenne has worked for the California Department of Transportation since September 2008 and was promoted to associate environmental planner in 2013. She's coordinated a diverse set of projects, including the Seismic Retrofit and Rehab of Cabrillo Bridge in Balboa Park, which was recipient of the APWA San Diego Project of the Year in 2015 and awarded the Excellence in Transportation Award in 2016. Much of her learning experience came from five years spent working on the SR-94 Express Lanes Project. Elizabeth married Patrick Renker in March 2015 in San Diego (**Jamie Valerius '05** attended). They bought their first home in December 2015 and just celebrated their first year of homeownership. They have two cats, Patch and Ollie, who enjoy plentiful belly rubs and stalking birds from the comfort of the living room.

Miranda Munro, Daniel Casner '06, big sister Lilianne (Lily) and big brother Theodore (Rory) welcomed Norah Ruth Casner into their family on April 10. They are all doing well, adjusting to life as a family of five and enjoyed visiting Lawrence in June for Daniel's 10th Reunion.

Paul J. Schonfeld is teaching physics and engineering at Marshall School in Duluth, Minn., and coaching the school's FRC Robotics Team 4230. This year the team will compete in Duluth and Cedar Falls, Iowa. It's fun!

After six years at Georgia Gwinnett College, **Matthew W. Stackpole** was recently promoted to associate professor of mathematics starting in fall 2017.

Jacob P. Teichroew teaches music in a wonderful charter school in Harlem. In what little free time he has, he keeps busy by composing, recording and touring with his quartet. In June, Jacob and his wife, Christina, had their first child, a chubby little guy named Jonah who loves batting at the piano and singing along. They live in the Bronx and roast their own coffee.

On February 26, **Paul D. Wolfram's** flute/cello duo, MIGRATIONS, gave the world premiere of **Douglas Detrick's '06** *You Aren't Who I Expected* for alto flute, cello and electronics. Paul completed his yearlong study and performance of all six Bach suites in September with, among others, guest recitals at Lawrence, the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minn., and Nativity of Mary Church in Bloomington, Minn. In October, he started a new full-time role as development associate at the Perlman Music Program.

Andy York and **Melissa Johnson York** had identical twin boys on Dec. 1, 2015: David Jeffrey and William Douglas York. They spent the spring and summer pursuing sleep, and this winter they've enjoyed introducing the boys to the joys of playing in the snow. Melissa has been promoted to managing editor for Red Line Press in Burnsville, Minn. Andy continues to work for Nova Consulting Group as an environmental consultant.

'07

Compiled and submitted by Heather Prochnow

Can you believe it's been 10 years since our graduation from Lawrence? In a few months, many of us will return to Appleton and the Lawrence Bubble to reunite with each other and relive some awesome college memories. So what's been going on with all of us since June 2007? As for me, **Heather Prochnow**, I graduated from veterinary school in 2012, was married (and divorced), and moved halfway across the country on a whim. A few years ago, I found fun and passion in the world of triathlon and found an outlet training and racing Ironmans. Hopefully one day you will see me at the World Championships in Kona, Hawaii! I now work as a companion animal veterinarian in Northern Virginia. We all have our own stories—thank you to those that shared yours!

Nikoma Baccus started working for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Ever the talented flautist, she also ran a private flute studio in the Boston area. In her free time, she spends her winters skiing and her summers “staying busy and running around!”

Claire Brennan married Robert Brennan and together they live in Roscoe, Ill. In January 2015, she started a job with UTC Aerospace Systems in Rockford, Ill., as a materials engineer.

Susan Galasso resides in Madison, Wis., and recently purchased a home! She works in quality assurance at Epic and sings with the Madison Symphony Chorus. She also continues to keep in close contact with many other Lawrentians!

Sarah Hackett is also living in Madison with her husband, **Matthew Jonas Hackett '05**. They have two children: a hilarious 3½-year-old daughter, Lydia Beatrice, and a charming 8-month-old son, Elwood Theodore. Sarah is working towards her doctorate in curriculum and instruction at UW–Madison after working in innovative education for the past few years. Jonas uses his degrees in philosophy and religious studies through his work in political consulting and lobbying.

Another recent Madison transplant, **Stephanie Kliethermes** just moved to begin her new role as research director for the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine. She also holds a faculty appointment in the Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation at UW–Madison, which is home to AMSSM's newly established Collaborative Research Network.

Miriam Gieske is a Ph.D. student in ecology, evolution and behavior at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. She's keeping herself busy by studying what conditions select for antibiotic production in soil bacteria and teaching undergraduates about evolution as a teaching assistant.

Nora Hertel and **Ben Decker** are celebrating 10 years together this year! They met on move-in day at LU's Trever Hall in 2003 and sealed the deal when they were married on Oct. 31, 2015.

Grant A. Isaac resides in Toronto with his girlfriend, Maria. They met on Canada Day in 2013 and made their TV debut on HGTV's *Income Property* with Scott McGillivray in 2015! (Season 10, Episode 2 ... No, I didn't look it up ... wait, yes, I did). After graduating from LU, he became an LTD insurance adjudicator for RBC before transitioning into finance for the City of Mississauga (his hometown) in 2008. In 2011, he completed his M.B.A. at the University of Western Ontario. Following graduation, he joined BDC as a corporate banking associate. A couple years ago, Grant moved to Infrastructure Ontario to finance infrastructure projects for the province. Always a hockey player at heart, he still finds time to play men's league hockey and coached the Mississauga Rebels AAA Minor hockey team from 2008 to 2014. He continues to take an annual snowboarding trip to the Rockies, went skydiving in 2010 and has found enjoyment in traveling around the world in recent years. #GOVikes

Micha Jackson found herself halfway around the world in Australia and is about nine months into obtaining her Ph.D. at the University of Queensland. Her project relates to migratory shorebirds, which make incredible annual journeys from Australia and New Zealand to the Arctic for breeding purposes—up to 30,000 kilometers of round-trip travel every year! These birds are increasingly threatened, and Micha is interested in the human land use patterns that drive the availability of habitat for waterbirds along their journey. She also enjoys the lovely year-round weather in Brisbane, travels frequently and plays viola with Australian orchestras and in a band. Despite the pesky 15-hour time difference, she is still an avid hockey and baseball fan!

Brianne Mueller lives in Middleton, Wis., where she is happily living with her life partner, Ronnie. She works as an assistant registered agent at Wolters Kubby/ BizFilings. However, she plans to move in the next few years and is considering graduate school.

David Olynyk lives in Burlington, Ontario, with his wife, Krysta. They recently celebrated the birth of their first child, Hannah Joy, on May 31, 2016.

Speaking of babies, **Jacob Tewalt** had his first child, Sonny, who turned 3 this past February, and Jacob has another that is due any day now! Jake received his master's from the University of Minnesota in microbiology and then moved to Sioux Falls, S.D., to work for the largest ethanol company (POET) in the U.S. He started working in the lab but has since transitioned to the business development team. He is back in school and working on his M.B.A. from the University of South Dakota and will finish in August. He has been married for five years to his wife, Angela, a writer and Sioux Falls native. He loves spending time with his family and is trying to plan a family trip to Glacier National Park for summer 2018.

Taylor Pamperin is based in Milwaukee and is pursuing her master's of education in student affairs in higher education. She also works as the graduate program

clinical placement coordinator and academic advisor in the College of Nursing at Marquette University. She is married to Christopher Maury, who works for Kohl's Corporate as a planner in merchandise and visual presentation. He continues to pursue his passion for graphic design and music through creative projects as a freelance artist and playing in his band. Taylor and Chris recently adopted a puppy, Bowie, who is trying really hard to make friends with his cat-sister, Sierra. Sierra, however, doesn't seem to be trying that hard to reciprocate!

Carrie (Hagedal) Pomplun is pursuing her master's of education-professional development at the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse and will graduate in December. She and husband Mark A. Pomplun reside in La Crosse.

Joseph Pfender lives in New York in the Washington Heights neighborhood of Manhattan with his wife, Julia Sirmons, whom he married in July 2016. He is writing a dissertation in historical musicology on tape music and avant-garde composers in the 1940s and 1950s. After a bit of time off, he is starting to play trumpet again; thanks to the large volume of protests since January 20, he has had the opportunity to meet and play with a radical marching band.

Joel Schneider found himself gainfully employed in the years following graduation. However, in 2014, he moved to Toronto and jumped into the film industry! After two years of holding spit buckets in commercial productions and filling ridiculous coffee orders, he has now established himself as a comedy writer/producer/assistant director and works in independent films, commercials, music videos, web series and television.

Susan Spang has resided in Seattle for the better part of a decade and is the graphic designer for Central Co-op, an industry-leading cooperative grocery. She also runs a freelance design studio, working primarily with nonprofits and small businesses. If that wasn't enough to keep her busy, she plays bass and trombone in a number of Puget Sound big bands. She married Sarah Zolan in early July 2016.

Dr. Gabriela Szeinberg has been living in Clayton, Mo., and working at her dream job as a project coordinator of general chemistry supplemental programs at Washington University in St. Louis. She has also reunited with a few Lawrence alumni and has even organized two local alumni events.

Chelsea Wagner lives in rural Wisconsin with her husband, Jeff, and their three boys ages 4, 2 and a newborn! “Home” is an intentional community called Community Homestead, where they live and work with adults with special needs, young volunteers and other families. Together, they all run an organic CSA, dairy, processing kitchen and craft business. Through this lifestyle, she happily dabbles in weaving, painting, parenting, berry picking and social work!

'09

Compiled and submitted by Erin Watson

This year saw many of our fellow classmates starting new careers, beginning new lives with loved ones, and preparing to welcome their first children. Lots of big exciting changes for the class of 2009! I (**Erin Watson**) am working in advertising and as part of the Second City Writing Program. I'm living in the Logan Square neighborhood of Chicago, where I get to see lots of fellow Lawrence alumni in the neighborhood and around the city.

Megan Bjella lives in Madison with her partner, Ian. She just received her master's degree from UW-Madison and is working as an occupational therapist. She's also teaching yoga and assisting with a yoga teacher-training program. She enjoys gardening, dancing, cooking and singing in a community choir.

Alison Blegen and **Lucas Below '10** plan to marry in Poynette, Wis., this November.

Katie Hawkinson enjoys living a few minutes south of downtown Minneapolis. She recently became a member of the Actors' Equity Association and works as a full-time freelance stage manager for theater companies throughout the Twin Cities. Katie loves to fill her free time with cooking, running, crafting and brewing her own kombucha. She's grateful to have a "soul-satisfying career in the arts—and one that allows me to pay my bills, too!"

Kristin Boehm is in her second year as a senior visual designer at the nonprofit Be The Match, the national marrow donor program that connects patients in need with matching donors. Kristin continues the good work as board president for the Camp UniStar Foundation, a nonprofit summer camp in northern Minnesota that hosts families for weeklong programs in social justice, creativity and sustainability every summer. She lives with her husband, Matty Werner, and their cat Ernesto in South Minneapolis.

After spending a few years living in Costa Rica, **Brendan Peters** returned to Northeast Minneapolis and married his wife, Lauren. They've spent the years since building a home there—literally, through Lauren's continued home improvement projects, and by building a small family, adopting a pit bull (Lola) and a cat (Napkin). Brendan works in the Northloop as a product owner for one of the Midwest's fastest growing tech start-ups, and he invites fellow Lawrentians to reach out whenever they're in the city.

Stephen X. Flynn lives with his wife, **Emily Alinder Flynn**. After five years as the emerging technologies librarian at The College of Wooster, he decided to pursue a career in education. After earning a master's in computer education technology from Ohio University, he is teaching at Columbus Collegiate Academy in Columbus, Ohio.

After earning her master's in teaching from Oregon State University last June, **Brighton Fowler** made a

big move—to Yangon, Myanmar, where she's teaching at Yangon International School.

Jamie Gajewski is also teaching abroad. She spent five years in Madrid, married David Alzamendi two times—in Gibraltar, U.K., and Barcelona, Spain—"because international marriages are complicated!" Jamie now teaches in Brisbane, Australia, where she helps adults from Asia, South America and the Middle East learn English. She invites her classmates to follow her adventures on her travel blog at abroad365.org and would love to hear from other Lawrentians living abroad.

Many classmates are welcoming new members into their family. **Theodore Greeley** and his wife, **Erika Thiede Greely '11**, are expecting their first child in May. **Caitlin White Magel** married Chris Magel in September 2016 in Corvallis, Ore. **Derek Micke** and his wife, **Theresa Jaeger Micke '10**, welcomed a baby boy, Hudson Randal Micke, this year. **James Nufer** and **Christine Gebler Nufer** were married last June in a hot air balloon outside of Portland, Ore. **Solveig Smithback Schroerlucke** and her husband, Jonathan, welcomed their first child, a girl named Eöwyn Lyra Schroerlucke, last August. **Heather Watson** married **Jason Siroky '08** in August 2015, making her new name Heather M. Siroky. **Frances Steiner** married Kieran Coe last July. The happy couple lives in Milwaukee.

Rosanna Strelnick recently opened the Morning Sun and Chinese Medicine Clinic in Chicago after becoming a doctor of acupuncture and Chinese medicine.

Houston, Texas, has become home for Amanda and **Andre Watson**. Andre is working for Baylor College of Medicine's Healthcare for the Homeless program. Amanda represents Steinway Piano Gallery, continuing a career that started in her freshman year, when she worked as a pianist and saleswoman at Heid Music. Andre plays on two soccer leagues and is participating in a race for MS, in which he will bike from Houston to Austin! Amanda sings in the Bach Society of Houston Choir with fellow Lawrentian **Chris Besch '09**. "Houston has been good to us and just may become our permanent home!" she says.

Chelsea Wirtz and her husband, Jeremy Girard, had an exciting year. She began teaching first grade in the Kimberly Area School District and the two of them welcomed a daughter, Ella Lorraine Girard, last November.

'11

Compiled and submitted by Collin McCanna

Catherine Albright Crawford and **John W. Crawford** married last November and now live in Middleton, Wis. John is finishing his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois this spring, which means they will most likely relocate during 2017.

Caitlin A. Fish graduated from University of Wisconsin Law School cum laude last May. She works as a staff attorney at Texas RioGrande Legal Aidin, the Laredo, Texas, office. Her focus is on immigration and family law with an emphasis on legal services for survivors of sexual assault.

MacKenzie E. Fye has worked and lived in Chicago since July 2011. She spent three years working at a residential treatment center for children and adolescents as a dormitory counselor and then as a special education PE teacher. She became a registered yoga teacher in May 2014 and teaches at multiple studios across Chicagoland. She is working on her doctorate in clinical psychology in Fall 2014, with plans to graduate in spring 2019. Her emphasis is in primary care psychology and behavioral medicine, and she is immensely enjoying her studies and practical experiences! She regrets that she will be missing out on the Reunion in June but she looks forward to seeing many of you at the 10-year Reunion!

In February **Jennifer L. Hoff** began a new job as an art therapist and cognitive rehabilitation therapist working with individuals with severe mental illness and acquired brain injuries. There was also excitement on the home front: Last September she married her wonderful husband, Paul. They are loving married life in Whitehall, Penn., and cannot wait to see what the future holds.

Ann E. Kaiser has lived in San Francisco for a year now, working as a global account manager at Cisco Systems and enjoying dinners at her favorite local restaurant, NoPa. Recently she started a women's fitness brand called Warrior Baby (warriorbaby.com). She still loves athletic challenges and was able to complete her first 50K in San Jose in June!

Sally A. Konzem was hired by Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) as a university counselor in October 2016. She provides mental health counseling to students, faculty and staff.

Jami Nakamura Lin received a Creative Artists Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Japan-United States Friendship Commission. This grant allows her to live in Kyoto to work on *The Sin-Eaters*, a novel based on Japanese mythology and folklore.

Kelly R. Mariahazy has been married eight years. She has two daughters, ages 6 and 4. This past July, she was hired at Sunset Hill Stoneware as a production pottery hand and loves every minute of it. They make handmade quality ceramics. Check out their website at shstoneware.com.

Collin R. McCanna lives in Evanston, Ill., with his wife, Kara. He is the member education advisor for Lawrence's chapter of Beta Theta Pi and is helping to plan the upcoming Class Reunion. He was recently accepted to the Museum Studies program at Northwestern University and continues to produce music for the *This Is Lawrence* and *The Lawrence Minute* videos.

Jihyun Shin started a Ph.D. program in the Department of History at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, and she is loving the nature and, of course, her courses and TA work!

Rachel Carver Stichnoth and **Miller Stichnoth** were married in Chicago last October.

Stacey A. Stoltz is in her fifth year of teaching music abroad, currently in Wuxi, China! This is her second year there and she has very much enjoyed living in China and exploring Asia. She's finishing her first year of Chinese lessons, and she understands more of what is said around her every day. She teaches music to all students in her small, K-12 school; it has been fun to teach the range of ages. Next year she will move into Shanghai to a new job where she will be back to teaching elementary music full time. One reason she loves teaching abroad is the amount of travel she gets to do. In 2016 she visited several new places, with Japan and Korea ranking among her favorites.

Theodore J. Greeley '09 and **Erika M. Thiede** married in 2012 with several Lawrentians there to celebrate with them. Now, they look forward to welcoming a baby girl to their family in May. Life has turned out to be pretty good outside of the Lawrence Bubble.

Alexandra Trier and **Niels Jorgensen '10** were married by classmate and officiant Julia Blair in Madison, Wis., last June. Their wedding party included fellow Lawrentians **Elaine Streng '10**, **Naomi Waxman**, **Chris Villa '10**, **Max Merchant '10**, **Chris McGeorge '10**, **Brian Rauwerdink '10**, **John Bettridge '10** and **Reid Trier '15**. The happy couple thanks their entire Lawrentian family for bringing them together.

Peter Vanney recently moved to Austin, Texas, to work for the Texas Highway Patrol as a statistician. Peter graduated with a B.A. in mathematics, taught math and science in Ghana with the Peace Corps for two years, and in May graduated from University of Alaska Fairbanks with a master's in statistics.

Michael Warsek and Emily D. Warsek welcomed their baby girl home after five months in the NICU! She is now 7 months old (4 months adjusted), and they are so in love.

Caitlin Williamson became the first director of conservation programs at the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, overseeing the foundation's efforts to protect Wisconsin's lands, waters and wildlife for future generations.

Alroy Y. Wimer got married last October to Jessica Hope! He adopted a lovely 3-year-old named Elena, and Jessica is pregnant with a baby of their own (she's due in August). They are also welcoming an English Mastiff puppy into their household (his name is Alfred and he is the same breed as "The Beast" in the movie *Sandlot*).

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Compiled and submitted by Carolyn Tomecek

Cameron Douglas Blegen married Maggie Leigh Barnes in Kohler, Wis., last June. They honeymooned in Ireland and are both entering their fourth year of medical school this fall at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Gwendolyn E. Curtis-Ehrhart and **Alex Pergams** are excited to announce they will be married July 1, 2017. After teaching English in Japan, they moved to Chicago and are excited to begin this new chapter of their lives together.

Katelyn Richter Davis resides in Minneapolis with **David A. Davis '11**. Katelyn is now major gifts officer at the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra in St. Paul.

Anastasia C. Day and **Timothy Honig '11** were married last June in Burlington, Vt. She continues her doctorate in history at University of Delaware, where she has taught her first undergraduate course, won research travel grants and was elected as VP/president-elect of the Graduate Association for Food Studies. Updates available at thehistorianinthegarden.com.

Zachary E. Fannin attends the School of Library and Information Studies at UW-Madison, focusing on metadata and digital librarianship. He works in the UW Law School Library and as a federal contractor with the USGS National Wildlife Health Center Library. Zachary volunteers as treasurer for the Jail Library Group that provides reading materials for inmates. He also volunteers at Oakhill Prison Humanities Project, where he teaches weekly philosophy classes to prisoners.

Andy Francis moved to Ratna Ling Retreat Center, a small Buddhist community in Sonoma County, Calif., after graduating from Lawrence. He worked at Dharma Press for three years, where he helped print, bind and ship thousands of Tibetan books to India. Andy now lives in Varanasi, India, where he is in his second year teaching EFL to Tibetan Buddhist monks at Sarnath International Nyingma Institute. Last year, he received his CELTA teaching qualification and plans to pursue an education career.

Hilary K. Haskell and **Jacob A. Woodford '13** married last July. Hilary works with English language learners at Appleton North High School, sings in newVoices and is a board member for Green Lake Festival of Music. Jake works in the president's office at LU, is on the Rotary Club board and ran a half marathon.

Kasie L. Janssen received a master's in library and information science, with a certificate in special collections, from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Since graduating, she has lived in Chicago, working at the Newberry Library as their conservator for special projects.

Katherine M. Jubert taught music for three years at a small school on the Caribbean coast in Venezuela. She now lives in Bogota, Colombia, where she teaches band at an international school and enjoys "the mountains, hiking and traveling around other parts of South America."

Andrew F. LaCombe spent the 2016 election season as a political and investigative reporter for the Fox affiliate in Green Bay, Wis., conducting one-on-one interviews with Donald Trump, Tim Kaine, Bernie Sanders and Mike Pence, in addition to covering campaign events at Lawrence. Andrew moved to Marquette, Mich., to be a morning news anchor at the NBC affiliate for Upper Michigan.

Samuel R. Lewin lives in Cape Town and works at an organization called Triggerise, which rewards people for positive behavior. He also still plays drums in his free time.

Margaret S. Lupton traveled to Germany, ran her first half marathon and enjoys working at Northwestern in their residential services department.

Sarah T. Lutz celebrated her first anniversary with her husband, Tim Lutz. She teaches reading/language arts and general music at a private elementary school. TJ also teaches private strings lessons, plays in the Green Bay Civic Symphony and recently started directing a church choir.

Amanda R. Martinez starred in a new musical adaptation of *Cinderella* with The Hypocrites in Chicago.

Csilla B. Megyeri moved back to Chicago and started work as a crisis counselor at a Chicago-area hospital. While working, she completed her master's degree in social work at Loyola University Chicago. Csilla now works as a program supervisor at the same hospital.

Lauren L. Mimms started a new role as assistant director of student advancement at the University of Chicago this September and is engaged to be married in June 2017 to Zachary Bockmier.

Samantha A. Nimmer lives in Kaukana, Wis., with her husband, Derek Puckett, whom she married last July. They celebrated their wedding day with over 400 family and friends, including four Lawrentians who were in the wedding. Samantha moved from Marinette, where she had been teaching in the Fox Valley, and now teaches social studies and coaches volleyball at Freedom High School.

Neel Patel and **Anna Jankowski** live in Salt Lake City, Utah, where Anna works as a nurse in a postpartum unit, and Neel is in his first year of residency in internal medicine after finishing medical school last May. They will move to Portland, Ore., where Neel will work four more years of residency in radiology.

Michael A. Pope founded Forte Community Music Project (Forte), a nonprofit that provides free group voice lessons in Chicago and Appleton, Wis. He also works full time as associate director of annual giving at Lawrence and still sings professionally in Chicago. He hopes to see you all at Reunion in June!

Alison M. Scattergood works as the assistant producer and assistant editor on Ken Burns' upcoming documentary film on the Mayo Clinic, which will air nationally on PBS fall of 2018. She hopes to see you all at the Reunion this summer!

Margaret H. Schmidt recently completed both her J.D. and M.P.H. from University of New Hampshire and is now a staff attorney at the Network for Victim Recovery of D.C., providing civil legal services to victims of crime in court and campus adjudications. She also was named a Presidential Management Fellowship Class of 2017 Finalist.

Elizabeth D. Shimek has accepted an associate attorney position with Maistelman & Associates in Milwaukee. She works in general practice with emphases in political law, municipal law and government affairs.

Carolyn R. Tomecek teaches English and advises National Honor Society at Riverside-Brookfield High School. Carolyn also helps plan alumni events as the co-chair of the Lawrence University Club of Chicago and plays in the West Suburban Symphony Orchestra. Follow along her culinary pursuits at chasingthetaste.com or @chasingthetaste.

Judith C. Wilson spent two years after graduation in Chicago working for University of Chicago Press. In 2014, she moved to Moscow, Russia, to work as a private tutor and international school instructor. In September, Molly began a five-year doctoral fellowship at the University of Virginia, where she researches post-WWII U.S. foreign policy.

Catherine T. Young lives in New York City working as the social media manager for the luxury women's clothing brand Cushnie et Ochs. She spent the last three years designing and doing social media for the luxury women's shoe brand Paul Andrew after graduating with a degree in fashion design from Pratt Institute. She is in a relationship with **Dustin Shahidehpour**, whom she met at Lawrence in *Freshman Studies*.

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Jonathan E. Erkkila works at a rare book store in Baltimore, Md. He has been writing and performing music under the moniker SLOW GROAN.

Laurel N. Foshag graduated with a Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, from Marquette University Law School and was admitted to practice to the Wisconsin State Bar in May 2016. She works as an associate attorney at Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. in Milwaukee.

Jonathan S. Gmeinder had a wonderful 2016! He asked his girlfriend to marry him, graduated with a master's degree from Manhattan School of Music, worked at Aspen music festival playing *La Boheme*, married his wife (!!!) and began his first job as a vocal arts piano fellow at the Juilliard School.

Camilla R. Grove lives in sunny Los Angeles and works at a production company with a deal on the Sony lot. When not reading scripts and drinking green juice, she works with an organization that brings art to lower income communities in Los Angeles—check them out at artlala.com! Her dream would be to work with another Lawrentian on making the next big movie or TV show, and she looks forward to making that happen in the hopefully not-too-distant future.

After graduating from Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, in 2015 with a master's degree in international culture and communication, **Caitlin E. Hale** now works in a PR-related job for Panasonic Corp. in Japan. She looks forward to any chance to return to LU in the future!

Kaye Herranen moved to Minneapolis in June for a position as communications associate at Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies. In October 2016 she married Johnny Greene.

2016 was quite an eventful year for **Nhi Q. Nguyen**! She graduated with her master's in nursing in May and is working as a registered nurse at the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, where she casually still bumps into fellow Lawrentians who are either nurses or doctors! A few months ago, she also got married! Nhi and her husband reside in Lincoln Park area. She's looking forward to catching up with old classmates as well as meeting new Lawrentians in Chicago.

As of May 2017, **Daniel B. Perret-Goluboff** completed the first year of his M.B.A. at The College of William & Mary. He'll spend summer 2017 back in Chicago, where he's accepted a summer M.B.A. associate role doing marketing and financial analysis for Discover Financial Services.

After finishing a master's program in physics at Montana State University, **Micah J. Price** decided to transfer careers to data science. After going through a data science boot camp, he's currently in the middle of searching for a job. Micah also discovered the Effective Altruism movement and has pledged to donate 10 percent of his income every year to highly effective charities through Giving What We Can.

Nathan M. Ryan is teaching his parents' 7-year-old golden retriever how to fetch.

Sarah K. Slaughter moved to Dubuque, Iowa, in 2015 after completing her master's at UW-Madison. She is in her second year as the Humanities and Education Librarian at the University of Dubuque.

Jacob A. Woodford and **Hilary Haskell '12** were married last July in Appleton, Wis.

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Anna Bolgrien started a Ph.D. program at the University of Minnesota in public affairs to build on international relations experience cultivated at Lawrence and interest in demography from her M.A. at University of California, Irvine. Anna is also working at the Minnesota Population Center.

Heather Carr is still in New York City and is working at Trident Media Group, a literary agency. Heather is also freelance reading for Catapult, a small press, and is hoping to continue onward and upward in book publishing. Heather lives in Brooklyn and gets a pang of LU homesickness every time fall rolls around.

Jonathan Fagan is in the second year of a master's program in jazz piano at the Eastman School of Music. Next year, Jonathan plans to move back to the Boston area to teach and play as a freelance musician.

Najja Gay has been in Chiba, Japan, for the past 17 months working as an assistant language teacher at two public senior high schools. Najja has taught over 500 students and learns from each student. In the summer, Najja will return to the U.S. to pursue a career in the sciences.

Elizabeth Graber teaches band and choir in Wrightstown, Wis., and still plays classical and Irish music regularly. Elizabeth enjoys passing on her passion and nerdiness to middle and high school students.

Elise Massicotte lives in Indianapolis, running a cello studio and gigging around town. Elise has a cat and is looking into grad school in a year and a half.

Zoe Psarouthakis recently moved to Wellington, New Zealand, after receiving a working holiday visa in December. Zoe was previously a summer fellow at the NOAA institute in Ann Arbor, Mich., working in the field on Lake Michigan and in the lab. Since arriving in New Zealand, Zoe has been able to travel from Auckland to Wellington and explore the country a bit.

Elizabeth Sorensen has been in Tuscon, Ariz., since August of 2015 and is serving a second year as an AmeriCorps VISTA working with two nonprofits. Her first year, she worked with low-income individuals to help them become first-time home buyers and also taught a financial empowerment class to the men at a shelter. Now she serves as the quality improvement and population health coordinator for two family medicine clinics in Tucson and is enjoying learning about the health care field. Elizabeth would love to hear from classmates who find themselves in the Southwest.

Ian Stone lives in Madison, Wis., and works for UW-Extension, the online branch of the University of Wisconsin system. He works as a video editor to provide background research and graphics for a variety of course videos.

CORRECTIONS

In the winter 2017 issue, we listed **Robert Felker '50** as having died July 1, 2016. He died July 11, 2016.

Meghan Keenan '14 was erroneously listed as having had a baby in the winter 2017 births report.

BIRTHS REPORT

Alice Randolph Kroh '97 and Reed, Kansas City, Mo., a son, John Patrick McClelland, April 14, 2016

Joel T. DePagter '98 and Alicia, Appleton, Wis., a daughter, Amaya Renae, Feb. 8, 2017

Elizabeth Godfrey VanDenzen '98 and **Brian '99**, Santa Fe, N.M., a daughter, Lucia Randall, March 2, 2016

Taylor M. Hoffman '99 and Katrina Edge, New York, N.Y., a daughter, Emerson Morgan, Oct. 13, 2016

Jing Li '99 and **Gabriel D. Gloege '99**, New York, N.Y., a son, Lucien Maximilian Li, Jan. 8, 2017

Lyndsay A. Sund '01 and Marcelo Andres Diaz Pinto, Wonder Lake, Ill., a daughter, Adriana Belén Díaz, Nov. 23, 2016

Colleen Perry Shaffer '02 and **Kristen '02**, a son, Lachlan Otto, Nov. 8, 2015

Tasneem Mirza '04 and **Farzin Haque '04**, a son, Omeed, Sept. 9, 2016

Jacob P. Teichroew '05 and Christina, Bronx, N.Y., a son, Jonah McPhee, June 29, 2016

Colin D. Boeckers '08 and Terra, Appleton, Wis., a daughter, Olive Virginia, Oct. 27, 2016

Carrie Van Groll Schmidt '08 and **Thomas '08**, a daughter, Kinley Ann, Jan. 13, 2017

Jennifer Halbman Klemens '09 and Lee, a son, James, Aug. 8, 2016

Chelsea L. Wirtz '09 and Jeremy Girard, Appleton, Wis., a daughter, Ella Lorraine, Nov. 12, 2016

Gacia Coronado '10 and Travis Rhodes, Appleton, Wis., a son, Arek James, Nov. 2, 2016

Theresa Jaeger Micke '10 and **Derek '09**, Smithfield, N.C., a son, Hudson Randal, Dec. 22, 2016

MARRIAGE REPORT

Susan Prohaska '74 and Claudia Kasperek, Chicago, Ill., June 2, 2016

Sarah M. Tyriver '91 and Kristin Gaumer, Lansing, Mich., Dec. 10, 2016

Sarah E. Kelly '01 and Brian Allard, Hudson, Mass. July 31, 2016

Audrey E. Gutfreund '04 and **William D. Dalsen '05**, Jamaica Plain, Mass., Aug. 27, 2016

Andrew E. Hanson-Dvoracek '05 and Kristin Griffiths, Quincy, Mass., Oct. 29, 2016

Elizabeth E. Jenne '05 and Patrick Renker, San Diego, Calif., March 27, 2015

Nora G. Hertel '07 and **Benjamin I. Decker '07**, Wausau, Wis., Oct. 31, 2015

Joseph W. Pfender '07 and Julia Sirmons, Brooklyn, N.Y., July 23, 2016

Susan E. Spang '07 and Sarah Zolan, Seattle, Wash., July 3, 2016

Christine Gebler Nufer '09 and **James E. Nufer '09**, Beaverton, Ore., June 25, 2016

Lisa Ritland Pool '09 and Marty Pool, Durango, Colo., Sept. 18, 2015

Frances S. Steiner '09 and Kieran Coe, Milwaukee, July 30, 2016

Jennifer L. Hoff '11 and Paul John Searing, Whitehall, Pa., Sept. 4, 2016

Rachel Carver Stichnoth '11 and **Miller M. Stichnoth '11**, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 15, 2016

Sabrina Miller Valencia '11 and Mache Valencia, Madison, Wis., Feb. 18, 2017

Jonathan S. Gmeinder '13 and Natalie Gmeinder, New York, N.Y., Aug. 27, 2016

Nhi Q. Nguyen '13 and Andrew Davies, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Aug. 4, 2016



Christine (Gebler) Nufer '09 and James Nufer '09, June 25, 2016 in Newberg, Ore., after a hot air balloon wedding.



Rachel Carver '11 and Miller Stichnoth '11 married in Chicago this past October, before heading off to Iceland for their honeymoon.



Thomas Schmidt '08, Carrie Van Groll Schmidt '08 and son Calvin welcomed a baby girl, Kinley Ann, into their family in January.

DECEASED ALUMNI

Mary Jane Anderson Bridges M-D’34, Mentone, Calif., Jan. 15, 2017.

Otto Hauelsen ’36, Nevada City, Calif., Jan. 14, 2017.

Helen Phillips Hochanadel ’40, Oak Ridge, Tenn., Jan. 14, 2017.

Catherine Helmer Bemis ’41, Sugar Grove, Ill., Dec. 28, 2016. Survivors include a nephew, Jeffrey D. Riester ’70.

Grace Theilacker Millen M-D’42, Milwaukee, Nov. 13, 2016.

William A. Naleid ’42, Racine, Wis., Jan. 7, 2017.

Katherine Gilbert Brehm ’43, Neenah, Wis., Feb. 8, 2017. Survivors include Theodore M. Gilbert ’53; Charles N. Gilbert ’53; Margaret Gilbert Schmerein ’40; Theodore M. Gilbert ’23; a daughter, Katharine Brehm Zager ’74; a son, William A. Brehm ’67; and a daughter-in-law, Patricia Kelley Brehm ’67.

Marjorie Harkins Kiewit ’43, Chestnut Hill, Mass., Nov. 12, 2016. Survivors include a nephew, Jonathan R. Goldberg-Belle ’74; a cousin, Jean Pond Dever ’44; a nephew, Robert C. Buchanan ’62; a granddaughter, Emily Buchanan Lehto ’94; and a sister, Barbara Harkins Belle ’47.

Jane Whitney Rutan M-D’43, Delaware, Ohio, June 29, 2016.

E. Ned Bliffert ’45, Oconomowoc, Wis., March 2, 2017.

Ann Mitchell Burdick ’45, Mercer Island, Wash., Jan. 26, 2017.

E. Lester Lashua ’45, Tryon, N.C., Sept. 16, 2016.

Nancy Rose Mellem ’45, Solomons, Md., Feb. 21, 2017.

Gail McNeil Kreidler ’46, Port Orchard, Wash., Oct. 16, 2016.

Maree Sylvester Wick ’46, Hendersonville, N.C., Feb. 4, 2017.

Jean Van Ouwerkerk Brown M-D’47, Hot Springs Village, Ariz., Feb. 7, 2017.

Patricia Fredrick Cheney M-D’47, Eau Claire, Wis., Jan. 19, 2017.

Edmund F. LeRoux ’47, Huron, S.D., Nov. 16, 2016.

Ralph E. Marker ’47, Milwaukee, Oct. 3, 2016.

Mary Lloyd Kennedy M-D’48, Huntley, Ill., Oct. 17, 2016.

Carolyn Kuny Little M-D’48, Decatur, Ill., Dec. 1, 2016.

Janet Sader Mead M-D’48, Bonduel, Wis., Jan. 10, 2017. Survivors include her husband, Olin C. Mead ’47; a cousin, Mollie Petersen Webb ’61; a grandson, Benjamin Mead ’12; a granddaughter, Margret R. Schultz ’11; a sister-in-law, Barbara Mead Stever ’49; a daughter, Allison Mead Schultz ’83; a son, Todd T. Mead ’79; and a son, Andrew S. Mead ’77.

Patricia Welsh Sheffer ’48, Sumter, S.C., Jan. 28, 2017.

Betty Jean Talbot ’48, Fort Pierce, Fla., Nov. 7, 2016.

Barbara Joan Atwell M-D’49, Boston, Sept. 18, 2016.

Gloria Rogahn Bomier ’49, Neenah, Wis., Feb. 10, 2017. Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Melanie Purdo Bomier ’87; and a son, David W. Bomier ’79.

Jane Tremper Meyer M-D’49, Greendale, Wis., Dec. 22, 2016.

Mona Morgen Paul ’49, Millington, N.J., Nov. 16, 2016.

Elena Sawyer Rucci M-D’49, San Diego, Calif., Nov. 2, 2016.

Earl W. Berry ’50, Naples, Fla., March 11, 2017. Survivors include a cousln, Carol Berry Lewis ’50; and a son, Mark G. Berry ’77.

Lois Hintz Church M-D’50, Owosso, Mich., Dec. 20, 2016.

Robert J. Felker ’50, Wausau, Wis., July 11, 2016. Survivors include his wife, Janice Juve Felker ’50, and a daughter, Nancy Felker Nack ’85.

Marcia Forman Neal ’50, Minneapolis, Nov. 19, 2016.

Marilyn Rasmussen Nusbaum M-D’50, Elm Grove, Wis., Oct. 21, 2016.

Lois Winn Reeve M-D’50, Chesterton, Ind., June 18, 2016.

Jean Walsh Schuchart ’50, Appleton, Wis., Dec. 23, 2016.

Donald E. Swenson ’50, Elgin, Ill., Dec. 28, 2016.

William R. Thompson ’50, Neenah, Wis., Nov. 25, 2016.

Patricia Manchester Barndt ’51, Oconomowoc, Wis., Nov. 8, 2016.

Joseph A. Kronser ’51, Gillett, Wis., Aug. 13, 2016.

Betty Jane Krueger M-D’51, Kewaskum, Wis., Feb. 16, 2017.

Harland A. Anderson ’52, Appleton, Wis., Nov. 26, 2016.

Elizabeth Schlenk Cook M-D’53, Mankato, Minn., Nov. 13, 2016.

Audrey Lee Heberer M-D’53, Waukesha, Wis., Nov. 7, 2016.

Lawrence H. Larsen ’53, Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 18, 2017.

Leanne Atkinson Johnson ’54, Santa Rosa, Calif., Feb. 4, 2017.

Win Jones ’54, Washington Island, Wis., Saint Augustine, Fla., Jan. 21, 2017.

Janet Spencer Ollmann ’54, Sun City West, Ariz., Jan. 17, 2017.

Marshall H. Pepper ’54, Milwaukee, March 11, 2017. Survivors include a brother, Robert S. Pepper ’66; and a sister, Sue Pepper Joys M-D’51.

Martha Stone Romstad ’55, Madison, Wis., Jan. 29, 2017. Survivors include a daughter, Lynne Romstad Thompson ’90.

Bobbie Burn Vogel ’55, Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 19, 2016. Survivors include her husband, Roland M. Vogel ’54.

Richard L. Bundies ’56, Kenosha, Wis., Nov. 8, 2016.

Barton W. McNeil ’56, Gilbertsville, N.Y., Feb. 18, 2017. Survivors include a sister-in-law, Jeanne Voll Ross ’61.

Margaret Wolfe Redfield ’56, Mill Valley, Calif., Oct. 7, 2016.

David S. Hathaway ’57, Waupaca, Wis., Dec. 15, 2016. Survivors include a nephew, Scott Hathaway ’77; and a niece, Anne Hathaway Bush ’78.

Raymond A. Schoedl ’57, Menomonee Falls, Wis., Nov. 25, 2016.

Craig E. Castle ’58, Princeton, Wis., Feb. 22, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Flippo Castle ’60.

Judy Hallett McWhirter ’59, Hillsborough, N.C., Nov. 3, 2015.

Velta Pukite Grauze M-D’60, Shakopee, Minn., Sept. 29, 2015.

Judith Larsen Jentzen ’60, Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 27, 2017.

Jonathan W. Rose ’60, La Puente, Calif., Oct. 16, 2016.

William E. Melin ’62, Easton, Pa., Feb. 11, 2017. Survivors include his wife, Virginia Montgomery Melin ’63.

Stephen G. Crews ’63, Nov. 3, 2016.

Judith L. Graham ’63, Evanston, Ill., Aug. 30, 2016.

John M. Meid ’63, Auburn, Maine, Dec. 2, 2016.

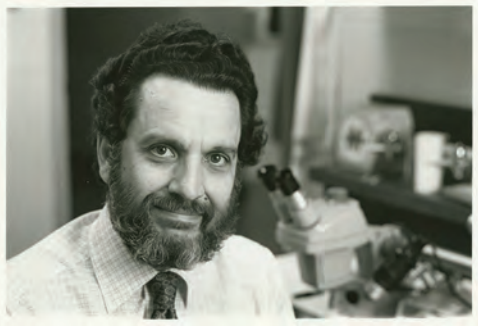
Charlotte Goodhue ’64, Vinalhaven, Maine, Feb. 25, 2017.

Joyce Ahrensfield Quigley ’64, Redding, Calif., Dec. 2, 2015. Survivors include a sister, Jan Ahrensfield ’68.

Vail Hamilton Carruth ’65, Springdale, Ariz., Oct. 13, 2016.

John E. Bridgman ’66, Minneapolis, Jan. 4, 2017.

James D. Lannon ’67, Freeport, Maine, Jan. 21, 2017.



Former Raymond H. Herzog Professor of Science and Professor Emeritus of Biology **Michael LaMarca** died Feb. 9 of complications from a stroke. A resident of Rochester, Minn., where he made his home in retirement, he was 85.

A specialist in reproduction and developmental biology, LaMarca joined the Lawrence faculty in 1965 and taught with distinction until he retired in 1995. His career as a scientist and teacher was distinguished by his legendary commitment to the disciplined study of the living world. He was recognized with Lawrence’s Excellence in Teaching Award in 1983.

Carolee Mangum Maurer ’67, Garland, Texas, Oct. 20, 2015.

Tracey Sager Priestley ’67, Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 16, 2016.

Marilynn Wohlt Taylor ’67, New London, Wis., Feb. 25, 2017.

Paul R. Geske ’70, Appleton, Wis., March 6, 2017.

Beth Bornfleth Holmes ’70, Suamico, Wis., Nov. 16, 2016. Survivors include her husband, Craig L. Holmes ’70.

Caroline Reeves Johnson ’70, Durango, Colo., Nov. 25, 2016.

Nancy Firstenberger Flynn ’72, Herndon, Va., Dec. 17, 2016.

Michael O. Magnusen ’73, North Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 11, 2017.

Timothy I. Pruett ’76, Slinger, Wis., Feb. 19, 2017. Survivors include a sister, Jodi S. Micale ’78.

Margaret H. Scheid ’78, Arlington, Va., Jan. 29, 2017.

Catherine Barlow Garrison ’80, Mountain Lakes, N.J., Nov. 23, 2016.

Cheryl Koltis Cox ’86, Princeton, Wis., Feb. 13, 2017.

From the study of amphibians to the exploration of human reproduction, LaMarca guided students for 30 years in both the technical and ethical investigation of biological science. His enthusiastic teaching style impacted thousands of students, especially those he mentored through independent study, many of whom went on to distinguished careers of their own as doctors, researchers and educators.

He served as the scientific director of the in vitro fertilization program at Appleton Medical Center from 1985 to 1995, and his guidance was critical to the success of northeast Wisconsin’s first such program. Under LaMarca’s tutelage, numerous Lawrence students were able to begin their own research careers there.

LaMarca’s own research earned him a place of influence and honor in the scientific community and took him to laboratories and research centers around the country, including

Argonne National Laboratory, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and Harvard University School of Medicine.

A native of Jamestown, N.Y., LaMarca was the first member of his family to attend college, earning a degree in biology from the State University of New York at Albany. He spent four years in the Air Force during the Korean War, serving active duty stateside as a meteorological officer while achieving the rank of lieutenant. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in zoology at Cornell University and spent two years teaching at Rutgers University before joining the Lawrence faculty.

The family has requested memorials be directed to the National Science Teachers Association or the National Academy of Sciences.

IN MEMORIAM—FAMILY, FRIENDS AND STAFF

Alfred Blickensderfer, Decatur, Ill., May 6, 2016, father of Kathryn Blickensderfer Venezia ’86.

Arthur F. Boehm, North Oaks, Minn., May 2, 2015, father of Kristin L. Boehm ’09.

Claire L. Brown, Littleton, Colo., Nov. 19, 2016, sister of Joan Leraan Morrell ’51.

Jonathan Burmeister, West Chicago, Ill., Nov. 8, 2016, husband of Nancy Beaudway Burmeister ’66.

Jean Cisler, Palmyra, Wis., Feb. 26, 2017, grandmother of Caitlin A. Cisler ’06, mother of Michael P. Cisler ’78.

Lynne A. Detrick, West Linn, Ore., Dec. 19, 2016, mother of Douglas A. Detrick ’06.

Louise Ecklund, Appleton, Wis., April 2, 2017, former Lawrence director of major and planned giving.

Alden Duncan Grade, Appleton, Wis., June 30, 2016, son of Anthony P. Grade ’88, son of Megan Burdick-Grade ’90.

John Hess, Dubuque, Iowa, Jan. 24, 2017, husband of Jeanette Schmidt Hess M-D’60.

Margaret H. Hickey, North Augusta, S.C., May 30, 2016, wife of Lawrence T. Hickey ’70.

Linda Jordan, Mount Vernon, Iowa, Nov. 24, 2016, mother of Jennifer L. Jordan ’86.

Rick C. Lee, Cookeville, Tenn., Dec. 31, 2015, husband of Regina Swingen Lee ’79.

Christopher K. Legan, Riverside, Ill., Jan. 2, 2017, father of Olivia H. Legan ’16.

Laila Nilles, Los Angeles, Aug. 22, 2016, wife of Jack Nilles ’54.

Lester Oestreich, Neenah, Wis., March 2, 2016, father-in-law of Daniel E. Bur ’87, father of Ann Oestreich Bur ’87.

Frances N. Picchietti, Deerfield, Ill., Jan. 3, 2016, mother of Luann Picchietti Blowers ’82, mother-in-law of David C. Blowers ’82.

Mary Ann Rabion, Milwaukee, Feb. 20, 2016, mother of Joelle J. Rabion ’82.

Sandra S. Radtke, Appleton, Wis., Feb. 2, 2017, wife of Claude H. Radtke ’50.

George Rinder, Hinsdale, Ill., Feb. 24, 2016, father of Carl T. Rinder ’73.

Catherine Shen, Seattle, Wash., March 31, 2016, mother of Benjamin S. Cost ’11.

Marybeth Siegel, Springfield, Ill., March 26, 2016, wife of Jon D. Siegel ’77.

Robert W. Sussman, St. Louis, June 8, 2016, father of Diana Sussman Kaye ’12.

Howard R. Webb, Ashland, Ohio, Dec. 20, 2016, husband of Mollie Petersen Webb ’61.

Kenneth L. Weber, Chilton, Wis., Dec. 12, 2016, father of Victoria A. Weber ’11.



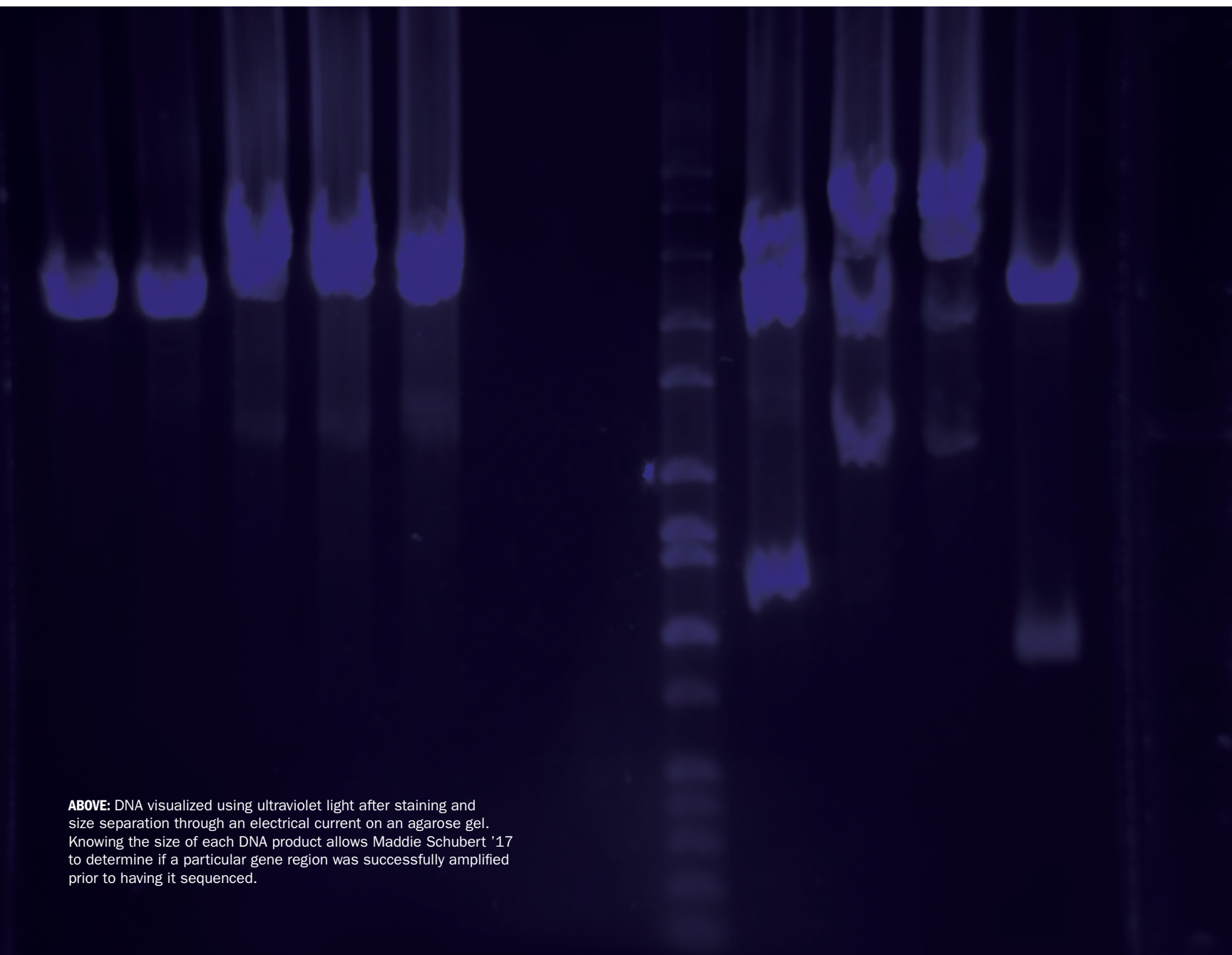
The Big Picture

PRESTO!

The PRESTO! tour featured three days of music, education and community work around the Twin Cities, with visits to a homeless shelter, several local high schools and an education center for students with special needs.

As part of the tour, students and faculty made music at Karner Blue Education Center in Minnesota.

Showcasing some of the top wind and percussion students in Lawrence's Conservatory of Music, it all culminated with a free, open-to-the-public concert in Stillwater, Minn.



ABOVE: DNA visualized using ultraviolet light after staining and size separation through an electrical current on an agarose gel. Knowing the size of each DNA product allows Maddie Schubert '17 to determine if a particular gene region was successfully amplified prior to having it sequenced.